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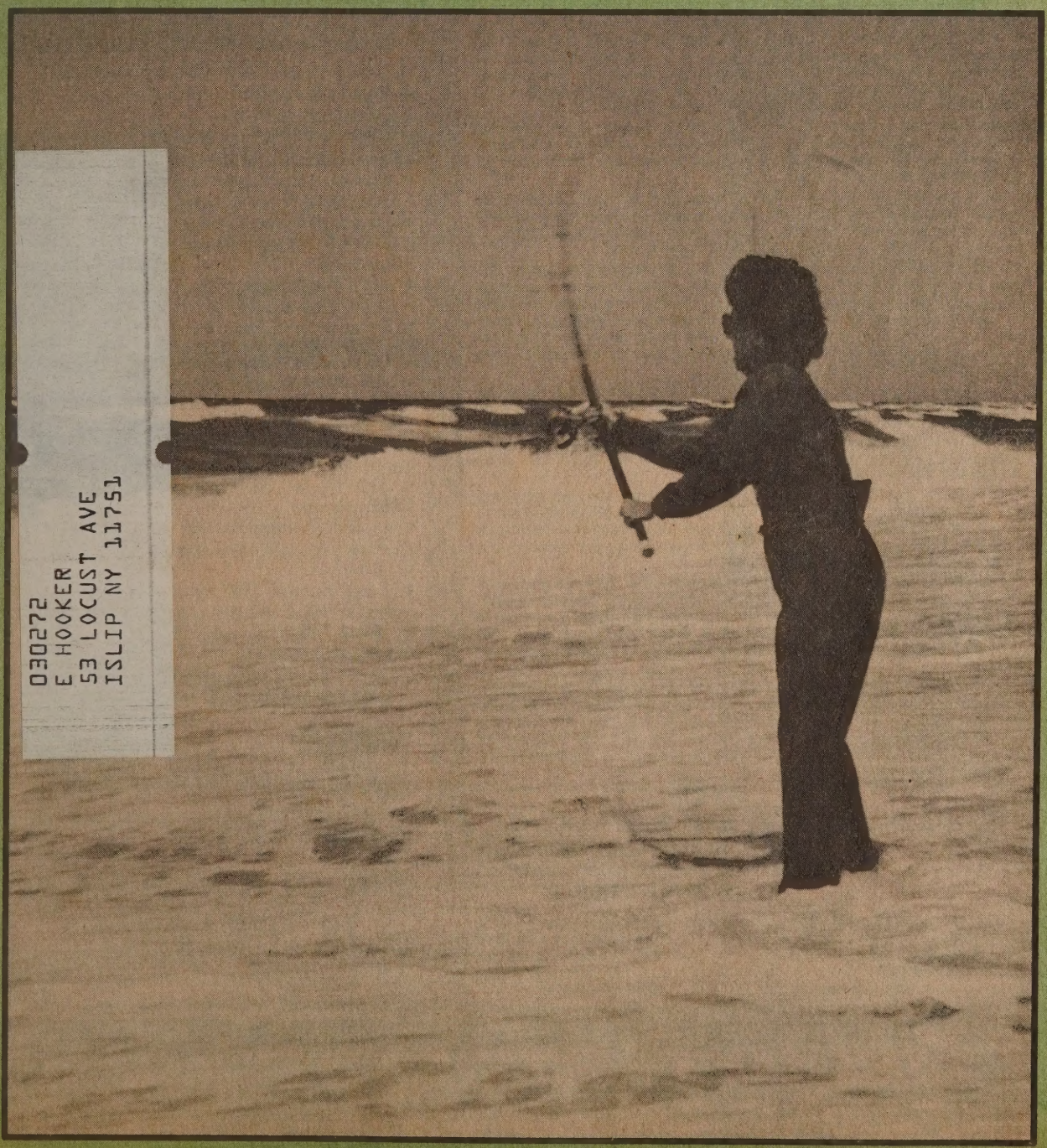

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Being in the gun business for 25 years; being the largest hunting license issuing agent in the state; and dealing with the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation for a long time, we feel that we know something about the way the state spends our money. We have collected millions of dollars for the state in just our one Farmingdale store alone, and we have five other stores in two other states as well!

Last year, they wanted to put serial numbers on bullets. Don't think that somewhere down the road they would not want to license hooks. After all, hooks can hurt people, too! (*E.g...If they get in your eye, or something).* That's their mentality.

Time after time, we have seen as many regulations as you can dream up on both state and federal levels. We have seen programs started and stopped. We have seen special stamps, special seasons, special *everything!* All these were supposed to *help* the hunter.

Guess what? Almost everything that was promised the hunter has never happened! All we have to show for their good intentions are high license fees, extra paperwork and a state trooper that is generally ready to lock you up if you break any of the conservation laws. *What about drug users?!* They don't seem to care too much about them. If the drug laws were enforced half as much as the conservation laws, we would not have a drug problem in this state!

I know that on the outside the Saltwater Fishing License might look like a good idea. We know from experience, however, that this would just be the beginning of a system that would tax (and that's exactly what it is) the sportsman and hinder him from freely enjoying his hobby. Once the state gets involved with anything, they've got to mess it up. They have a pretty good track record, you know!!

The state is staying up nights trying to figure out how they can get more money for doing *nothing.* If they would take our money and do some good with it, we would be for the license. We know, based on their track record, that the only result will be more jobs opening up in Albany, and more laws for fishermen to abide by.

Common sense and past experience dictates that they will try, and if they get their foot in the door, succeed in doing to the fisherman what they have done to the hunter. How about: **1. Fishing only from sunrise to sunset; 2. Only four blue fish per year; 3. Can't have a rod on a boat without a license; 4. No line over 30lb. test; 5. Limit one rod per customer per year.**

Just think about all the regulations on hunting and let your imagination run wild! You can expect it, like putting money in the bank. Forget about all they *claim* they will do for you. Don't just lie down and die! Let your opinion be known. If you think we are wrong, let us know. If you think some of the sportswriters and publications are wrong, let them know. They really should know better!

O'fishly Yours,

Lou Rosado
Vice President
Fishing Tackle Division

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P.S.
In October, the Federal government placed a new tax on every piece of fishing tackle made. Now when you buy a hook, sinker, rod or anything to catch fish with, ten percent goes to Uncle Sam. What benefit did we get from that tax? Is there any reason to think that our great state will handle the tax any better? Like the guy says on T.V., *"Let's Fight Back!"*.

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Highest point/largest species winners: albacore, Joseph Kane, 15.8 lbs., 515.84 pts.; blackfish (Tie(Peter Guadagno and Stan Walkanowski, 8 lbs. 12 oz., 403.20 pts.; bluefish, Libardo Cortes, 24 lbs., 652.80 pts.; flounder, John Zorba Gallis, 3.3 lbs., 545.70 pts.; fluke, Joseph Napoli, 8.4 lbs., 250.80 pts.; sea bass, Ralph Alba, 7 lbs., 700 pts.; striped bass, Paul Hoercher, 52 lbs. 8 oz., 529.20 pts.; weakfish, Joseph Brooks, 13 lbs., 486.72 pts.; mystery fish, Stargazer, 2 lbs. 1 oz.

1985 SPORT FISHING FORUM/ MARINE INDUSTRIES DAY AT S.U.N.Y. FARMINGDALE

Long Island's waters provide excellent sport fishing opportunities. Each year nearly one million anglers fish New York's marine waters spending over $250 million in pursuit of their sport, supporting numerous marine-related businesses. In recent years, growing pressures on the marine environment have resulted in the fluctuation and decline of certain sport fish. These changes affect both the recreational anglers' catch and the profits of marine recreational businesses.

Anglers and businessmen will have an opportunity to learn more about the future of sport fishing and marine industries on Long Island at the 1985 New York Sportfishing Forum and Marine Industries Day set for February 8 and 9 at the State University campus at Farmingdale.

On Friday (February 8) Marine Industries Day will focus on problems and potentials of marine recreational businesses. Workshops designed specifically for professional boatmen, marina owners and fishing station operators will cover a number of topics ranging from obtaining coastal permits to computer applications in small businesses.

On Saturday (February 9) the Sportfishing Forum will allow anglers to learn more about future trends in sport fisheries management on both the national and state level. In addition, workshops on the latest techniques and equipment for inshore and offshore fishing will be offered.

The Forum is sponsored by the Atlantic Professional Boatmen's Association and New York Sportfishing Federation, in cooperation with the Association of Marine Industries, National Marine Fisheries Service, N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation, N.Y. Sea Grant Extension Program, S.U.N.Y. Farmingdale, The Fisherman Magazine and the Moriches Bay Marine Association. A limited number of tickets ($5 each for both days), for the Forum will be available on a first come, first served basis at the door. For more information, contact Sea Grant at 246-7777, or 246-7706.

FEDS NAB SIX FOR ILLEGAL BASS

Six seafood dealers—including three from Long Island—were arrested recently in an early-morning raid at the Fulton Fish Market for selling striped bass that had been taken illegally from other states, authorities said.

The dealers were accused of taking the fish from the Chesapeake Bay area in violation of Maryland or Virginia statutes designed to protect the fish species, which is dwindling in number, officials said.

The arrests by federal agents climaxed an investigation that began in early 1983. Agents from the Fish and Wildlife Service successfully infiltrated the seafood business.

Arrested were Robert Behrens of Jericho; John Billera of Jericho; Herb Slavin of Atlantic Beach; Matthew Kremin of New City, N.Y.; Richard Monani of Paramus, N.J., and Joe Pagano of South Amboy, N.J.

Between April and May, 1984, the dealers allegedly purchased more than 5,300 pounds of striped bass valued at $14,000. According to indictments obtained by the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, the dealers knew the fish were illegally obtained.

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Captain John DeMaio of the Montauk charter boat Vivienne is conducting a course at Seaford High School for Coast Guard licensed boatmen interested in breaking into the charter boat business on a full or part time basis. For more information, see the ad in this week's issue or write to: P.O. Box 275, Montauk, NY 11954.

BASS FINES

An Amagansett seafood shop and one of its employees paid fines for possession of undersized-striped bass in two cases heard at East Hampton Town Justice Court recently. They were the first such cases in East Hampton since the adoption of the controversial 24 inch minimum on striped bass catches.

A $560 fine was levied on Stuart's for having 20 undersized striped bass and fluke. The shop was cited on Sept. 27 by the State Department of Environmental Conservation for violations of the Environmental Conservation Law.

On a separate charge, an employee of Stuart's agreed to pay a $125 fine for possession of five undersized bass. In both instances, the DEC recommended a fine of $25 per fish. An additional $60 fine for the violation was levied on Stuart's.

CALIFORNIA CRACKS STRIPER BLACK MARKET

Wardens from the California Department of Fish and Game have cracked a striped bass black market.

In the past year, there have been more than 50 arrests in San Francisco Bay for netting the stripers, which can't be netted or sold under California law. Prosecutors have won every case, with jail sentences ranging up to a year.

"We are getting the backing of sport fishermen and the courts, and we are shutting off the illegal netting of striped bass in the bay," said DeWayne Johnston, chief of patrol for the Department of Fish and Game. He said that in past summers, poachers could illegally sell striped bass and pocket $35,000 to $50,000 tax free for a summer's work. No longer.

Johnston credited United Anglers of California, a fast-growing sportsmen's organization, for spurring the fight. United Anglers members have written to judges and filled courtrooms to encourage jail sentences for poachers instead of fines. They've also urged the state to supply game

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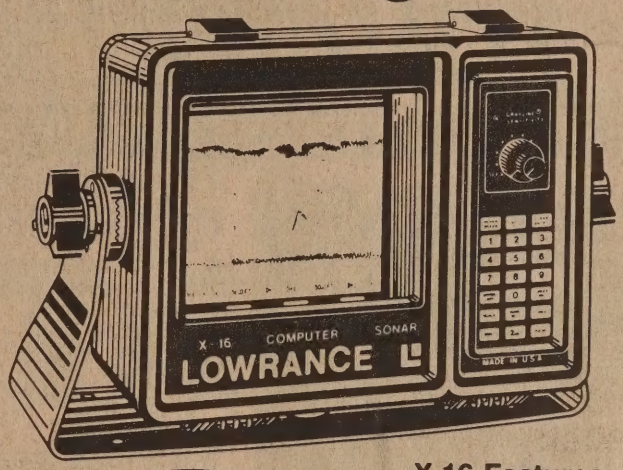

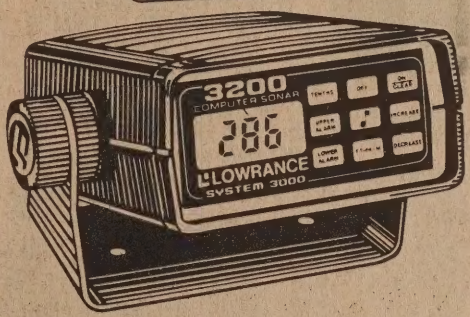

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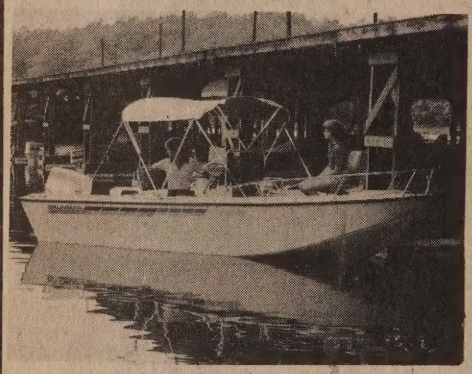

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The class is 13 lessons long and the text book is the well-received, easy to read Auxiliary textbook. The class is free, but the students should be prepared to purchase this book and other needed materials.

The class starts at 7:30PM, Wednesday, February 13th at the World's Fair Marina. For further information call Steve at (718) 767-6551.

EAST ISLIP BOATING COURSE

Flotilla 1-3 announces free 12-week courses in Boating Skills and Seamanship and Sailing and Seamanship, beginning Thursday, February 14th from 8-10PM. They will be held at East Islip Senior High School, located off Richard St. & Carleton Av., midway between the Sunrise Highway and the Southern State Parkway.

Subjects covered include boat handling, rules of the road, piloting, aids to navigation and legal requirements. There is a $12 fee to cover text and homework book, as well as other materials.

For more information, contact Joseph S. Fenollol, 231-0705.

TWO NEW BOOKS FROM NE SPORTSMAN'S PRESS

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First is *Part-Time Cash for the Sportsman:* 25 Ways for the Fisherman and Hunter to Earn Extra Money, by Jim Capossela. Probably the only book of its kind, it covers such topics as selling magazine articles and books, starting a newsletter, many tips and ideas for selling inventions and other goods by mail order, selling furs and feathers—even selling bait and fish. There are also chapters on selling services, part-time outdoor jobs; also pages on tournaments, collecting, taxidermy, guiding and much more.

Also fresh off the press (and also by Jim Caposella) is *How to Write for the Outdoors Magazines:* A Concise Guide to Writing Fishing, Hunting and Other Outdoors Articles. This one of a kind manual shows how any sportsman can earn hundreds, even thousands of dollars a year part-time. The nine chapters cover all the steps in the process and remove the mystery from article writing. The author, who has been a professional writer for his

entire career, illustrates everything clearly with excerpts from his many articles in Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Sports Afield and numerous other magazines.

Each book is 72 pages in length, soft-cover only. These mail order books are at present available *only* direct from the publisher: Northeast Sportsman's Press, Box 188, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Cost is $3.95 plus $.75 each book, or both books for $8.50 postpaid.

BOATING COURSE IN OCEANSIDE

Registration for a Coast Guard Auxiliary boating course to be given at the Merle Avenue School in Oceanside is slated for February 5th at 8PM. For more information, call (516) 678-1200.

HIGH HILL STRIPER CLUB ELECTS NEW SLATE FOR '85

The High Hill Striper Club has elected a new slate of officers for 1985, as follows:

President—Robert Stosch; Vice President: Tom Fitzsimmons; Secretary: Kevin Finn; and Treasurer: Bill Smith.

The club wishes to thank the past year's officers and board members for all their hard work on behalf of the club in 1984. Anyone wishing to join this hard fishing surf club can call Roger Martin at (516) 868-3817 any evening between 7 and 10 PM. The club welcomes both new and veteran surf fishermen.

BAY SHORE MAKO DATES ANNOUNCED

One of the most popular shark fishing tourneys on the East Coast, the Bay Shore Tuna Club Mako Tournament, has been slated for June 29th and 30th. For more information, contact Archie Rhodes at 665-0037 or 665-5341. Club members anxious to help should plan to attend the committee meeting scheduled for March 18th, 7:30PM at Timber Point Country Club.

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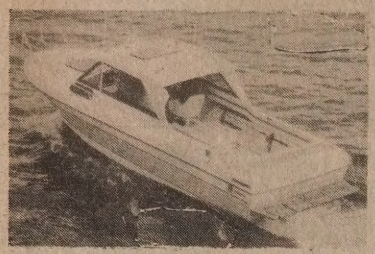

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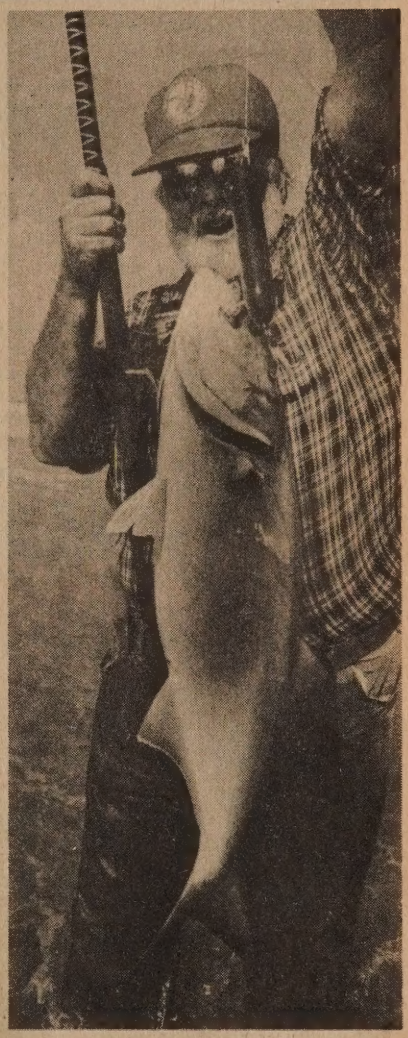

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Tackle Doctor:

This is not really a question that applies to tackle doctoring, but it is something that I am not completely sure about and maybe you can help enlighten me on a few questions I have concerning the various kinds of tackle you often suggest in the stories that are published in The Fisherman.

Why do you tout conventional (casting type reels) more than spinning? I use spinning for all kinds of situations and find it much easier to use than casting gear. Also, you often recommend light, medium or heavy tackle for the same species of fish. Why? If light tackle works in one instance, why won't it fit the needs in another case?

I always fill my spinning reels with premium monofilament line and have yet to face a situation where the mono did not perform perfectly and yet many writers say dacron is the better choice for some fishing methods. Is the stretch factor that critical when you are attempting to catch fish that often weigh only a few pounds? And if so, why?

I've been fishing the oceans and bays for more than 20 years and have caught most of the game fish that frequent North Atlantic waters. In no case did I find the spinning tackle lacking and for many types of fishing, it is actually the better choice in my personal opinion. Prove me wrong if you can! Jack Rosen.

Jack,

You have packed a lot into one short letter. We do tout the conventional type equipment and for good reason: in many circumstances it will give you the "feel" for light biting fish and will actually increase your chances of hooking those slight hits that you do not feel with the spinning gear.

The reason for this is quite easy to figure out. With the spinning you do not hold the line between your fingers and many light hits go undetected. With conventional, however, you have the line between your fingers to control it as it is spooled on the reel. Even a tap from a tiny bergall registers through the line and onto your finger. You can react faster and will generally hook more of those hits.

The question regarding mono versus dacron also falls into a "what if" category. If most of your fishing is for blues, bass, weakfish or even fluke, you won't see an appreciable difference between the two materials. However, when you are bottom fishing where line stretch can be a factor the dacron is far superior in hooking qualities because it does not stretch. Blackfishermen who must react to a hit in a hurry find the dacron puts the odds in their favor.

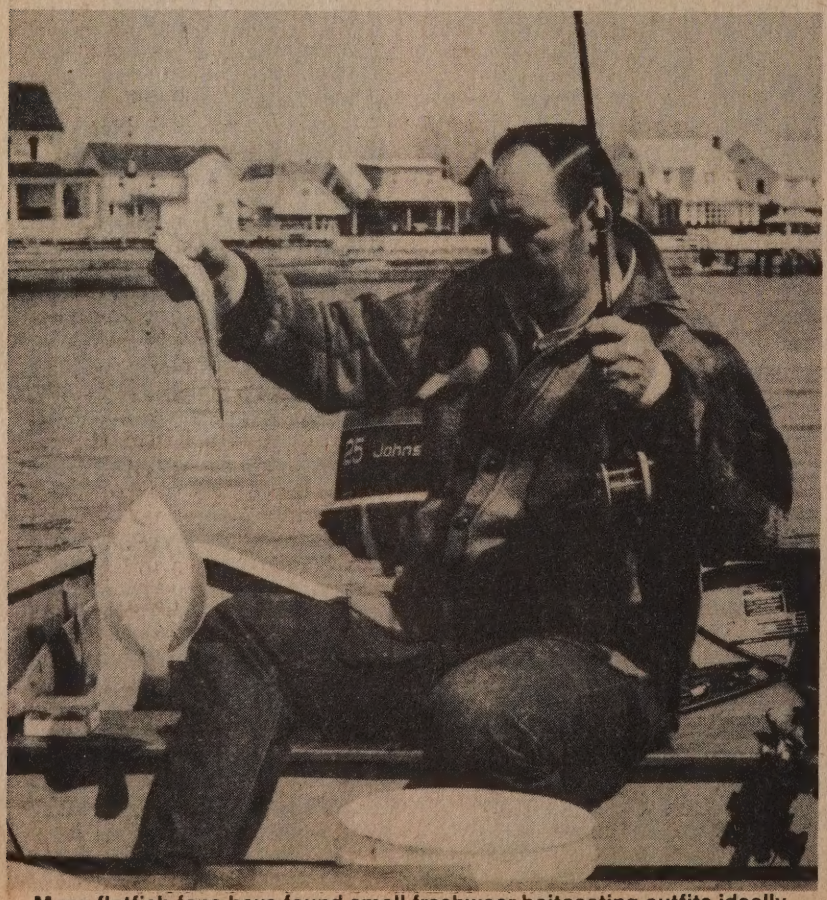
Big game fishermen also find the lack of stretch a very important part of hooking big, hard-fighting fish such as the tunas, marlin and sharks. That does not, however, mean there is no place for monofilament lines on the big game grounds. In the hands of a novice angler mono is certainly the better choice since it does have a built-in stretch factor that allows room for error on the part of the angler. Dacron lines will pop if they are pushed beyond the limit while mono will stretch and allow the angler a chance to regain his or her composure.

We, too, use spinning tackle for many different situations. When casting rigged eels for hours on end the spinning is less tiring and is definitely the better choice. Bucktailing is another type of fishing where the spinning is equally effective and often is even the better choice.

Anyone who thinks there is no place for spinning or for the revolvng spool reels is out of step with the times. During the course of a fishing season you will find circumstances where each shines and it does pay to carry both types with you at all times.

We do recommend a variety of different tackle setups for the same species of fish. Again, if you happen to be fishing for blues in ultra deep water you really are at a disadvantage with ultra light tackle. More suitable is a beefy popping rod or a heavy duty spinning outfit, for with either you can "muscle" the fish and will land a higher percentage of those you do hook.

Try for blues in the shallows and those heavy duty rods are as out of place as a bull in a China shop. You cannot handle the light lures, small plugs or natural baits with the heavy gear and your catch will suffer because of it. A light to medium spinning or plugcasting outfit is the ticket



Many flatfish fans have found small freshwaer baitcasting outfits ideally suited to their favorite pastime.

for this fishing; hence the need for an entirely different outfit for the same fish, but in a different habitat.

Fluke fishermen who probe the sheltered waterways will often use tackle that is more suited to a backwater bass pond. It is a good choice when seeking the flatfish in skinny water, but when fishing the ocean where tidal movement and wind may necessitate heavy sinkers, that same outfit is virtually worthless. A heavier plugging rod, mid-weight spinning outfit or a regular boat style outfit is a much better choice and will make life a lot easier in the long run.

That's why it pays to have a varied selection of gear and it is the reason tackle manufacturers offer thousands of different rods, reels and terminal tackle.

In our opinion, there is no one outfit that will efficiently handle all the various conditions one is likely to encounter when fishing the saltwater environment. You are in a much better position by having the right tackle for a given situation and in the long run, it is less expensive because you will probably catch a lot more fish.

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Doctor:

I do a lot of casting off the beach during the fall and winter and recently I've noticed my monofilament line is coming off the reel like wire rather than mono. I am using 17 pound test with a Penn 550-SS and a nine foot spinning rod. Do you have any suggestions? Steve Cook.

Steve,

Join the crowd. When the weather turns cold, monofilament line gets a mind of its own and there really isn't much you can do to solve the problem. Because of its chemical composition, monofilament hardens under cold temperatures and as it hardens, it becomes more and more stiff. This is true with the economy lines and with the premium grades, but it is more evident with the less expensive mono than it is in the better grades.

I suggest you re-spool with a premium grade line. Any of the major brands should suffice and I will not plug one above another, as each has its own peculiarities and will act differently in varying circumstances. The finer diameter lines will, of course, not take on as much stiffness as will the thicker lines, so if at all possible pick a fine line for your wintertime casting.

You might also consider trying a lighter pound test line. Most of the wintertime species are smaller than are those taken during the warm weather months. Ling and whiting predominate, and seldom will these fish top the three or four pound mark. They don't fight as hard as do the summer species and that, too, will allow you to use a lighter line. I'd guess you can get by with 12 or 14 pound test mono for most wintertime surf or jetty fishing along the Northeast Coast.

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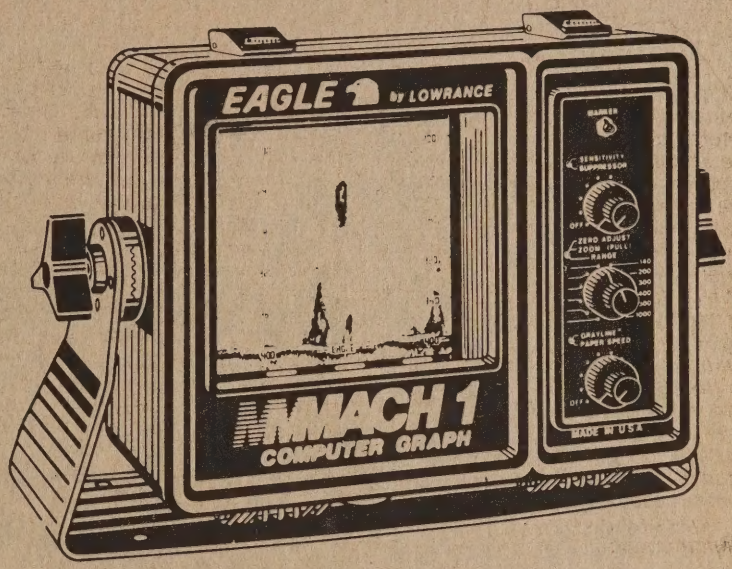

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1985 STATE FISHING PERMIT SCHEDULE

by William A. Muller

The Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission has announced that Sport Fishing, Beach Vehicle and Caumsett State Park fishing permits will be issued for Long Island State Park facilities for 1985.

Applicants MUST present vehicle registration and the correct permit fee (payable to: Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission) in order to receive permit. The permits will be valid for the vehicle bearing license plate number indicated on permit ONLY and are non-transferable (to another person or vehicle). All permits will expire on December 31, 1985, regardless of the date issued. Permits will be issued to bona fide sport fishermen ONLY: permit holders may be required to show fishing equipment (rods, reels, bait and/or lures, etc.) at park upon request. There will be no refunds for lost and/or revoked permits.

1985 Fishing Permits WILL NOT be issued to any individual whose 1984 Sport Fishing, Beach Vehicle and/or Caumsett Fishing Permit was revoked. These persons will not be eligible for Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission fishing permits in 1985.

Following are specific instructions and regulations for each of the permits:

Sport Fishing Permit—valid April 1 to December 31, 1985 for after-sunset parking for the purpose of night fishing ONLY at Captree, Hither Hills, Jones Beach, Montauk Point, Robert Moses, Sunken Meadow and Wildwood State Parks. These permits, for which there is a $10 annual fee, may be obtained (in person only) at the parks listed above and at the Permit Office, Long Island State Park and Recreation Administration Headquarters, Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon (Belmont Ave. at Southern State Parkway Exit 37N), from January 2 to April 30 and from September 3 to December 31, 1985 ONLY. Sport Fishing Permits WILL NOT be issued from May 1 through September 2. (7-day permits for new residents, vacationers, etc., at a fee of $10, may be purchased during this period at the Permit Office and at Hither Hills State Park ONLY).

Additional regulations for Sport Fishing Permits are as follows:

- Jones Beach: Night parking limited to Parking field Nos. 6, 10 and West End No. 2.
- Robert Moses: Night parking limited to Parking Field No. 2. (During *Winter ONLY; permit also valid for sunrise to sunset parking at Field No. 4).
- Sunken Meadow: Night parking limited to Parking Field No. 1. (During *WINTER ONLY—permit also valid for Parking Field No. 3).

*Winter—Sept. 15 to Dec. 31.

Long Island State Parks such as Jones Beach, Robert Moses and Hither Hills, have been the scene of some fine bluefish action during October and November.

Beach Vehicle Permit—allows access to designated beach areas at Robert Moses (Democrat Point), Hither Hills, Napeague and Montauk Point State Parks. These permits, for which there is a $25 annual fee, may be purchased (in person only) at Robert Moses and Hither Hills State Parks from January 2 to April 30 and from September 3 to December 31, 1985 ONLY. Beach Vehicle Permits WILL NOT be issued from May 1 through September 2.

Additional regulations for Beach Vehicle Permits are as follows:

- All vehicles must be equipped with fishing equipment, a shovel, rope (or tow chain) and sanitary facilities.
- Hither Hills, Napeague and Montauk Point—permit valid 24 hours daily, year-round.
- Robert Moses (Democrat Point): permit valid 24 hours daily from April 1 to 5PM on Thursday, May 23, and from 12:01 AM on Tuesday, September 3 through December 31, 1985. Effective 5 PM Thursday, May 23 to 12:01 AM on Tuesday, September 3, vehicles may enter Democrat Point before 7 AM or after 5 PM ONLY.
- Vehicles may remain on the beach for no more than 48 consecutive hours.

Beach Vehicle Permits also allow all privileges of Sport Fishing Permit (above). There will be no replacements

for lost Beach Vehicle Permits; duplicate permits WILL NOT be issued.

Caumsett State Park—allows sport fishermen to drive to and from the fishing parking area ONLY and are valid from April 1 to December 31, 1985 during hours and days specified by Park Superintendent ONLY. The annual fee for Caumsett Fishing Permits will be $25. Permits will be issued as follows:

1. On January 2, 1985, a total of 250 permits were issued on a first-come, first-served, basis at the Permit Office at Administration Headquarters in Babylon.

2. On February 21, 1985, a lottery will be conducted for an additional 200 permits. Specific information for the Caumsett lottery follows:

Applications for the lottery will be available beginning Monday, January 21, 1985, at Caumsett State Park and at LISPRC Administration Headquarters. Applications may also be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: CAUMSETT FISHING, P.O. Box 247, Babylon, NY 11702.

Applications for the lottery must be submitted not later than close of business on Tuesday, February 19, 1985. ONE application per person/vehicle/household ONLY: duplications will result in cancellation of *all* applications for person/vehicle/household.

A drawing will be held at 2PM on Thursday, February 21, 1985, at LISPRC Administration Headquarters, at which time applications will be assigned numbers according to the order in which they are drawn, up to 300. (Applicants are invited to attend the drawing). Permits will be issued to the first 200; the next 100 will be placed on a waiting list.

The $25 annual fee IS NOT to be submitted with application. Following the February 21 drawing, all applicants will be notified as to whether or not they are among the 200 selected to receive a permit (and/or the 100 to be placed on the waiting list). Those 200 successful in the drawing will then be required to submit the $25 fee (not later than Monday, March 4) and will receive their permit by return mail.

Note: Ten one-day Fishing Passes will continue to be available (8AM to 4PM) at the Caumsett State Park entrance booth for single weekday (M-F) use ONLY.

These regulations and procedures have been developed to maximize fishing opportunities for legitimate surf fishermen at the State Parks while minimizing vandalism and abuses of the parks and their facilities. We urge all surf fishermen not to procrastinate about securing the permit(s) they need for 1985. Please take what action is required as soon as possible.

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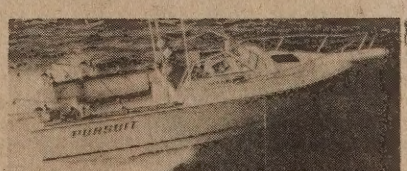

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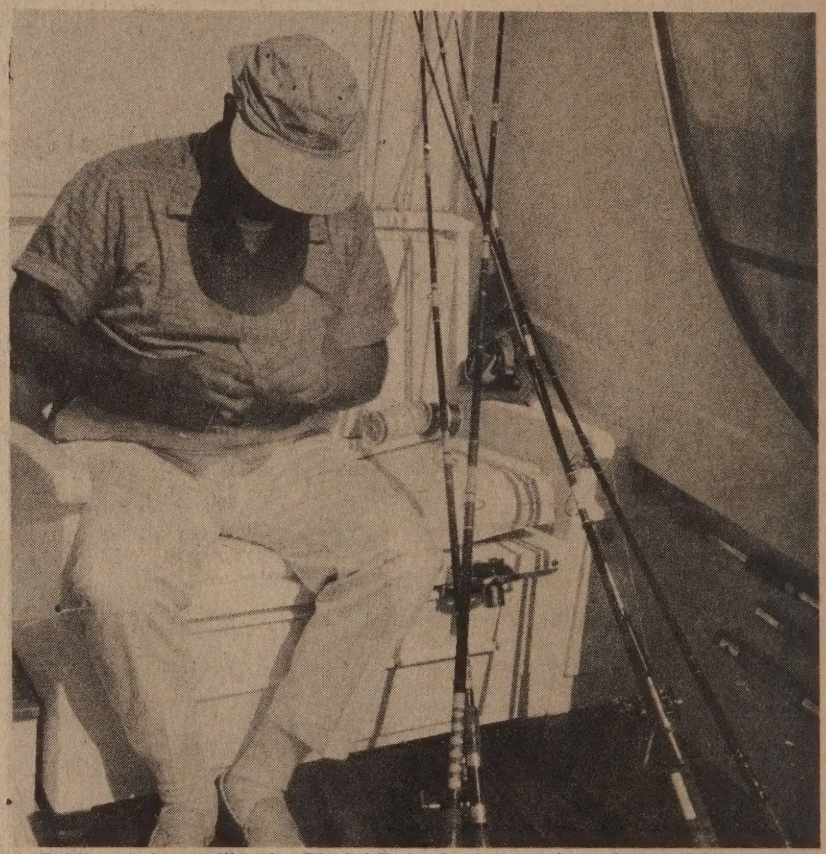
HONING YOUR ANGLING SKILLS

by Brian Mulholland

A little bit of homework during the off season will not only improve your skills, but can shorten the wait to that first trip of the year.

With the '84 season behind us, and anticipation turned towards the coming year, we're at a good point to take stock of what we can do better. Most of us are procrastinators about learning new skills and go through angling routines in the grip of habit, exactly as we do the rest of life. The winter hiatus in fishing activity is a good time to acquire new skills and techniques, and here's my own nominations of things that would benefit most anglers.

One, learn how to tie a knot—specifically the Bimini Twist. Everybody recommends this as the best method of doubling a line. Nobody does it because it looks so horribly complicated in the illustrations. If you wait until you're on a boat to try and tie it, the knot will defeat you. So now is a good time to mess around with tying the knot. Find some reel whose line is so worn that you're going to replace it anyway, and get out the knot book, and learn to tie the damn knot. Another good knot is—any one which helps you join a leader onto a lighter running line. Surfcasters who want to launch heavy payloads on light line need a shock leader to do it; since you can't fire a swivel through the guides of your surf rod, it has to be a knot that joins the running line to the shock leader. Light line enthusiasts need to use a leader to minimize terminal abrasion. The work of learning the Bimini Twist is devalued if you can't use that line with a good leader. Find a good knot that suits the line you are using and learn that, too.



Taking on knots like the Bimini Twist in the comfort of your living room will make tying them a snap by fishing season. Photo by Boyd Pfeiffer.

Two, acquire a second widget. If you do more than one kind of fishing you probably have a couple of different equipment sets already laid out. They may be a surf bag and tackle box; they may involve more than one tackle box, especially if you go back and forth between different kinds of fishing, be it fresh and salt, or inshore bait and offshore trolling, or whatever. I'll bet there is some specific item, a knife, flashlight or pliers being the most likely contenders, that half the time is left behind because you had it with the other equipment on your last excursion.

Three, acquire some extra spools. The single thing that spinning reels do better than any other reels is provide easy changes of fishing line. A mid-sized reel will cast nicely with anything up to 20 lb. test, and will also fit on a variety of rods. So if you normally carry a spinning rod and a mid-sized reel spooled wtih 20 pound line for surface feeding bluefish, you might acquire a second spool and stop it with 8 to 12 pound test for casting to weakfish in the spring. Or for freshwater use: a medium spinning rod goes just about anywhere.

Four, do some weeding in the tackle box. Most of us do 90 percent of our fishing with maybe a third of our equipment. The other two-thirds, be it unusual lures, pre-tied terminal rigs, or whatever, gets used infrequently if at all. Take a look at the box, and pull out everything you haven't used in the past three months and haven't put in for some specific and planned future occasion. Look for the irresistible do-dad that you're now embarrassed to have spent money on in the first place. The box may shrink considerably. (This is hard advice to follow, for most of us are junk collectors, myself included.)

Five, buy a roll of fairly fast film, ASA 400 or whatever, and re-read the instruction booklet for the family camera. Cameras are another device that we often wish we'd had along after some particular fish is landed. I know the camera will be at risk in saltwater—but it's not going to take any pictures sitting on the closet shelf either.

Six, obtain a prescription for Sco-

palomine anti-seasickness drug from your physician. This is available only as a prescription, and it is far better than any other medication now on the market.

I get seasick rather easily especially at night. One evening last year I and a friend, who is also susceptible, misjudged just how rough the sea was going to be on the date of a planned bluefish trip. We made our trip at night and wished we hadn't done so within half a mile of Fire Island Inlet. As we hung over the rail together we vowed to pay more attention to the forecast and that each of us would spare the other this kind of problem again by killing him if he ever tried to go out without a prescription. Spare yourself such a dreadful vow and get the prescription before you need it.

Seven, add a tube of sun block cream to your tackle box. If you rely on the family sized jar of tanning lotion that sits in the bathroom, you're too likely to forget to bring it. A sun blocking compound (as opposed to a tanning lotion) usually comes in a small tube that doesn't take up much space in the box. Throw it in and reapply as necessary.

Eight, tie up more terminal rigs than you think you'll need. This is pretty broad advice, but I have a particular rig to suggest for bluefish - ermen. Twenty years ago when bluefish in the Sound were smaller, the rig of choice was the Scotty Rig, a mackerel tree with hooks, tubes and leader material sized for small bluefish. It's still a good way of imitating small bait. Tie up a couple of Scotties over the winter and try one the next time the bluefish aren't biting because "they're stuffed with real small bait."

Nine, make yourself a hook disgorger. With the possible exception of sand spikes, there is no gadget which is so much better when homemade than a disgorger. The ones at the store usually involve a serrated pair of jaws which is supposed to hold the hook firmly when you squeeze the handle. They are bulky, awkward in the tackle box, have a short mechanical life span and just don't work. You can squash one end of a pipe flat and cut a V-notch at the end, or you can heat the tip of an awl or something similar and bend it into a small hook. Either will work better than the one from the store. (I lost my pipe end hook disgorger on a recent trip, so the matter is much on my mind.) Since the pipe disgorger need not involve heat for manufacture, it may be easier to do.

Tenth and last, try to learn a new method of fishing. If you use spinning tackle, try and borrow a baitcaster long enough to get the hang of it. Try a fly rod. See if a pendulum cast (also known as "power-casting") would improve your reach in the surf. This is best started in the winter because of the time needed to acquire the basics. The time isn't all that great, but it's more than you may want to spend when the fish are biting.

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WHY PARTY BOATS?

by Matt Ahern

You're in for an education when you step aboard one of today's modern party boat packets.

I've always believed that there are those among us who need to be convinced party boat fishing is rewarding. Though I believe this, I don't understand it.

Certainly today's party boat fishermen are ahead of the game when compared to nearly 60 years ago when I began my serious fishing. True, we may not catch as many fish as in the long-ago, but there are still plenty of fish available for those who know the ropes (and since that 200 mile law went into effect, fishing has improved every year since).

No, I don't understand it.

We no longer suffer the whims of weather as the old-timer did, what with heated rails and heated decks on some boats. Food, hot and most welcome is also available on many boats. In my day, everyone brought his own lunch—sandwiches and maybe a couple of hard-boiled, throat-gagging eggs. Soda pop was available (no beer because this was during Prohibition Days). As for drinking water, we all drank from the same gallon jug, kept, if we were lucky, on a block of ice along with the soda. And wonder of wonders, if you were indeed fortunate, the mates might make steaming hot bowls of delicious clam chowder to be shared with the boat's "regulars." That old pot-bellied stove down there in the forward cabin was a friend in more ways than one.

Sure, the days of the sidewinder reels (I still have two and I wouldn't part with them for the world), the split bamboo, lancewood, bathbara, and converted hickory billiard cues are long gone. By today's standards, they were cumbersome at best, but as any old-timer will tell you, they did their job—and they did it well. However, to compare that tackle to today's is like comparing a Cadillac to a Model T.

One reason for the popularity of open boat fishing is that it produces fish!

Today's party boat fishermen have at their beck and call an array of rods that can take extreme punishment, rods that seem impervious to the actions of the most careless fisherman; all the result of technological advancements reaching into every field imaginable. Today's rod is very sensitive. The stealthy bite of the wariest fish is quickly telegraphed along its length, and yet it is light enough not to become tiring during a hectic day's fishing.

Reels are masterpieces of flawless craftsmanship and precision machining—much like a fine watch. I don't know what tomorrow's rods and reels will be like, but I honestly don't expect much improvement in the foreseeable future—but then, that was probably said about the Model T.

And yet with all these good things going for it, today's tackle isn't expensive—not really. For the returns received in health, enjoyment, and fun, fishing is one sport where the devotee gets his money's worth—and then some. For less than a day's pay, any fisherman can equip himself or herself with the proper tackle required to do a job on the many varieties of fish available from party boats.

I'll tell you what my party boat fishing tackle consists of. My conventional rod for summertime party boat fishing is a medium weight stick, seven feet long. I can't tell you the manufacturer's name (and I wish I could) but with the handling a 20-year-old rod receives, much of this on a daily basis for years, the decal has long since disappeared; I believe it to be a Harnell.

My two favorite reels are Penn 155s. I've had one of these at least 45 years—with never a repair! Now that's what I call a plus for American-made tackle. I've always felt strongly about this particular reel and when I purchased that summertime rod, I also bought another 155. This is the one I use exclusively for codfishing, and like the older model, it is still

going strong.

My cod stick is of unknown origin. It was given to me as a Christmas gift by a non-fishing buddy. It never had a manufacturer's name on it, which is a sure sign (most times) of inferior quality at a high price, but wonder of wonders again, this rod has stood the test and has brought to gaff many a good-sized cod.

There should be no difficulty selecting a rod for party boat fishing: a medium-weight rod in summer, and a stiffer, heavier rod for cod. Don't let length bother you too much. If in doubt about this, select one a foot longer than your height. It will do fine.

There are many excellent reels on the market. If the thought of party boat fishing appeals to you, avail yourself of one. Just make certain your selected reel is capable of holding at least 150 yards of 40 pound test monofilament line. A star drag is a good feature and you'll find most fine reels have this. Just don't buy anything shoddy. Get the best you can afford, one with a name you recognize. Shun the "Hong Kong Special" as you would the plague. Tackle—any tackle—used for party boat fishing is no place to save a buck.

Actually, it isn't necessary to buy two reels. One will suffice if it is capable of holding the required line. For average summertime fishing, just remove the heavy stuff and substitute 20 pound test mono—and vice versa. The extra reel is a convenience to avoid this nuisance job.

Let me insert a word of caution here. Notice spinning gear hasn't been mentioned. I agree that it is a joy to use—but not aboard party boats! Leave it home, for if you don't, you'll foul up the fishing for yourself and your neighbor at the rail. The only time such tackle should be used aboard party boats is when fishing sheltered bays for flounder and fluke.

Don't succumb to the thought that because you are equipped with the latest in the tackle maker's art, the fish will jump into your bucket. It will never happen. How to go about using that tackle is one key to successful party boat fishing.

A fifty cent drop-line in the hands of an expert fisherman will outfish a rod and reel any day of the week. Don't scoff. It's true. I've seen it happen too many times not to be impressed. In fact, many commercial fishermen when hook and line fishing use nothing but hand-lines. But these hard-working gentlemen are not interested in enjoyment: you are.

If you'd like to try party boat fishing, but are uncertain if it's for you, it isn't necessary to invest in tackle in the beginning. Most party boats rent suitable tackle for a day's fishing. The cost is minimal; some skippers don't charge at all. But I think I can say this without fear of reprisal: after a trip or two, you'll be haunting your favorite tackle shop for your own personal outfit.

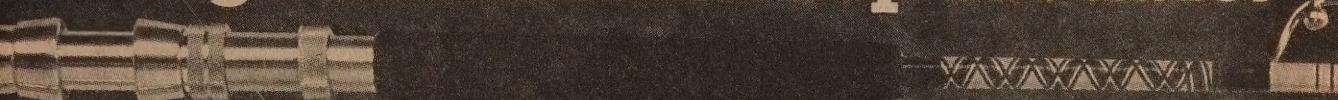
All this adds up to the fact that party boat fishing produces fish—I've never been aboard a party boat when some type of action wasn't forthcoming. I've never been "skunked" aboard a party boat. I may have caught only one or two fish at certain times, but then again I've caught so many at other times those poor days quickly fade into oblivion.

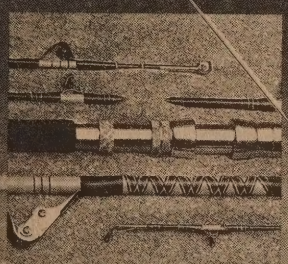
I may not have caught cod every time I tried, but I caught ling or whiting or blackfish in their place. I figure a half a loaf is better than none. (And we shouldn't gripe too much 'less the fishing gods overhead.)

If you want my opinion, party boat fishing is a bargain when one realizes all the good that is derived: much good health without knocking ourselves out to obtain it, plenty of God's sunshine, and last but not least, the good camarderie amongst those who devote their time to it. It has long been my thought that nowhere in this world of ours will we meet a grander group of fellow enthusiasts than those found aboard party boats.

And these are but some of the reasons why I think you who are hesitant should try party boat fishing. Try it once and I'm sure you'll be counting the days for your next trip. I always do. And look how long I've been counting!

Big Fish Are In Deep Trouble.





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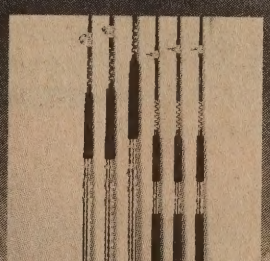

Specifications

Model	Length	Action	Pcs.	Line Wt.	Lure Wt. (ounces)	Rod Wt. (ounces)
Big Game IGFA						
CG 7802	6'9"	—	1	20	—	—
CG 7803	6'9"	—	1	30	—	—
CG 7804	6'9"	—	1	50	—	—
CG 7805	6'9"	—	1	80	—	—
CG 7806	6'9"	—	1	130	—	—
Boat Rods						
CG 7502	7'0"	M	1	12-20	1-2½	16.1
CG 7503	7'6"	M	1	12-20	1-2½	17.3
CG 7504	6'6"	XH	1	30-50	1½-4	16.6
CG 7505	6'6"	MH	1	15-25	1-3	15.2
CG 7506	7'0"	MH	1	15-25	1-3	16.1
CG 7508	7'0"	H	1	20-35	1-3½	16.5
CG 7510	7'0"	XH	1	30-50	1½-4	17.2

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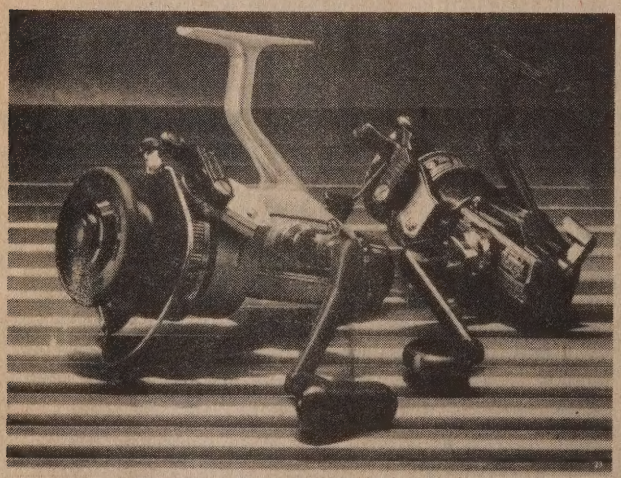
Part Two — *by Al Ristori*

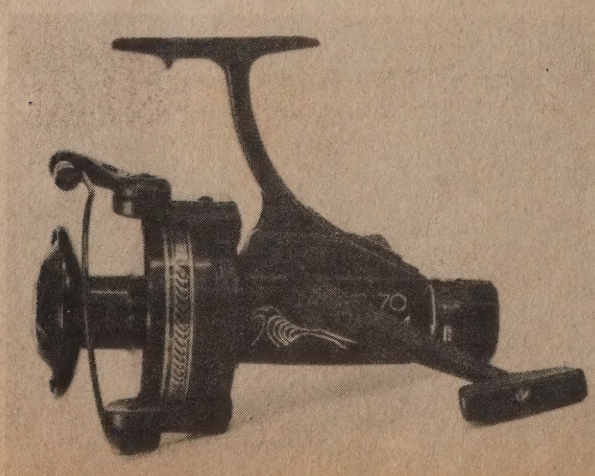
Shimano: The new Fightin' Drag system for instant adjustment of drag is the leading innovation from Shimano this year. With Fightin' Drag, you push the lever all the way to the left and dial in the optimum setting for the line test used. When you push the lever to the right while fighting a fish, you'll add a great deal of pressure. The extra drag can be a big help in setting hooks. Fightin' Drag is available on the top-of-the-line Magnumlite GTX-Plus series and also on the Custom GT-Plus line. With the former you get the QuickFire one-handed casting system, while both lines have rear drags, stainless steel ball bearings, graphite/titanium construction, silent anti-reverse and a line clip on the graphite pushbutton spool. The Magnumlite series includes three smaller reels ranging up to the GTX 1300P which takes 190 yards of 12 pound. The six model Custom GR-Plus starts with the 6.6 ounce CGT 1000P (165 yards of 4 lb.), but includes the larger CGT 4000P (175 yards of 20 lb.) and CGT 6000P (270 yards of 20 lb.) All of these reels come with a free extra graphite spool, except for the two saltwater models. Shimano also has a large selection of less expensive rear drag reels (including the RX QuickFire Models for one-handed casting), and some spool drag numbers in the MLX QuickFire or standard bail MLZ series.

Browning: Mitchell has become more innovative, and is now pushing a Trigger Drag series. The Trigger Drag is set on the reel stem so it can be controlled by the angler to finger touch with the hand holding the rod. This series of four reels features graphite composite spools, rear drags, fast retrieves and stainless steel ball bearings. The 5540RD also has a graphite composite rotating head and housing. Largest is the 3550RD which takes 200 yards of 12 pound. The standard rear drag series (made in Japan to Mitchell standards) now includes two Lighting Cast models for one-handed casting. However, these models are similar to others on the market (lever on the bail) rather than the now discontinued



Shimano Magnumlite GT-X Plus

Browning Mitchell 3530 RD



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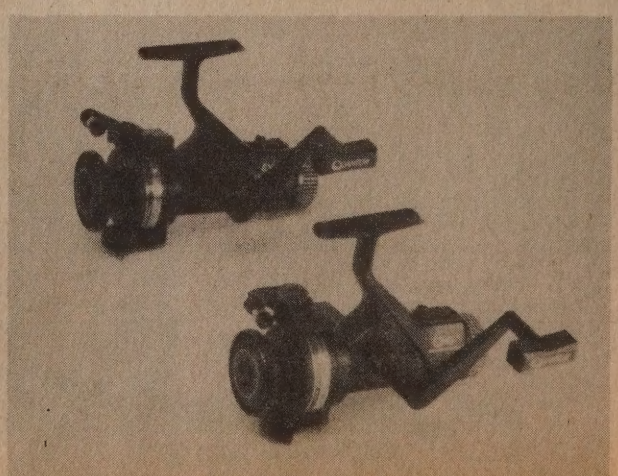

Zebco Quantum Reels

Mitchell 440 system which operated by depressing the bail wire. Two small Lightning Cast models are the 6.6 ounce 2310RD (200 yards of 6 lb.) and 7.7 ounce 2330RD (200 yards of 8 lb.). The "modern" Mitchells with box-like bodies and upswept heads have been dropped, but the classic 300 internal spool models are still there—though with lots of improvements and comparable skirted spool versions. For heavy duty surfcasting, there's still the 488 (520 yards of 20 lb.) and skirted spool 496 (355 yards of 20 lb.).

Zebco: A big move at Zebco has resulted in the introduction of the Quantum series. These new top-of-line spinners feature rear-mounted Magnum Drag System, graphite body, spool and rotor, dual stainless steel ball bearings, silent, selective anti-reverse and modern styling. The QMG 200Qc Q-cast features a cam-actuated self-centering bail for one-handed operation. Weighing just 7.6 ounces, it still holds 160 yards of 8 lb. and has a 5.4:1 gear ratio. The QMG 20 is the same reel without the Q-cast feature. Retail on these models may be only around $30. Zebco also has lots of more conventional and even lower priced spinning reels. Four new models have been added to the Pro Staff series which features rear drags, ball bearing drive and graphite push-button spools. Included are two Cam Cast models for one-handed casting—and the PS70 that takes 275 yards of 20 pound. The new Crossfire series provides rear drag spinners at very low prices. Largest is the CF50, which takes 250 yards of 17 pound and has a ball bearing, silent anti-reverse, brass pinion gear and pop-off spool.

Ryobi: This company is coming on strong at all price points. This year they're coming in with the most expensive of spinning reels: The Royalcarbo models which are virtually handmade from long-fiber graphite (providing the highest strength to weight ratio of any reel ever made) and will retail for about $200. On the other hand, they also make lots of other reels with such features as rear drag and one-handed casting which sell at very modest prices. The Royal-carbos (which also feature three stainless steel ball bearings and a silicon carbide line roller) include the 1000RD at 6 oz. and holding 180 yards of 6 lb. plus the 9.3 oz. 3500RD which holds 250 yards of 12 lb. and may retail for even more. The new MGT series features a graphite body, spool and rotor, rear drag, one ball bearing, silent anti-reverse, aluminum oxide line roller and Touch 'N Trip trigger for one-handed casting. Included is the MGT 4 that takes 210 yards of 20 pound. The MG series has all those features except the Touch 'N Trip trigger and includes the similar MG 4 along with the bigger MG5 (280 yards of 20 lb). The DPT (with Touch 'N Trip) and DP lines lack ball bearings, but sell at lower prices. The #4 size reel is included in both, and the DP 5 is the same size as the MG 5. A fifth new series is the SL with grahphite spool, body and rotor plus aluminum oxide line roller and spool mounted drag. The SL 4 and 5 models have the same capacities as their rear drag counterparts, but are lighter in weight. Ryobi also retains the Side-winder, TNT, MD, RSX and SX lines from last year.

Silstar: A new factor in the market last year, this Korean company is quickly becoming a major competitor. Topping the line is the 2800 series of two graphite rear drag models with a stainless steel ball bearing on the rotor. The rear drag 2700 series features the Easy Cast one-handed casting system on three smaller models. All of the reels in that line have a stainless steel ball bearing and graphite pushbutton spool. There are

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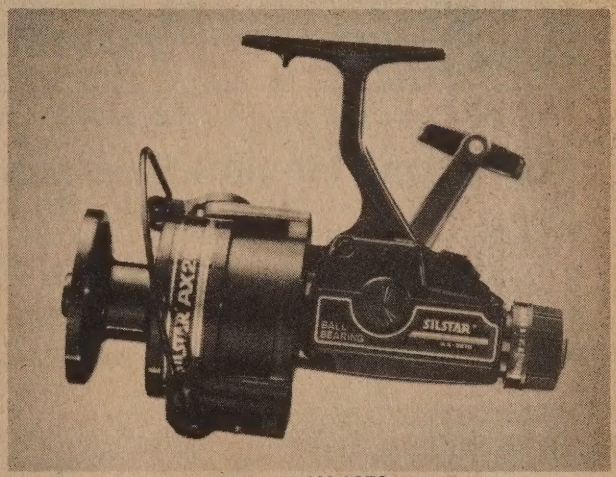
Ryobi MG Graphite



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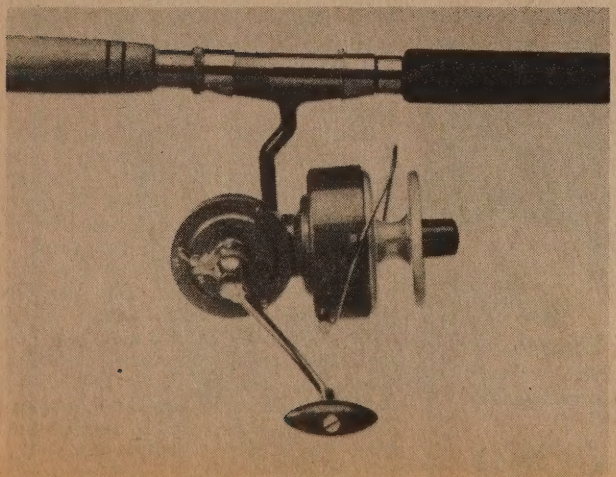

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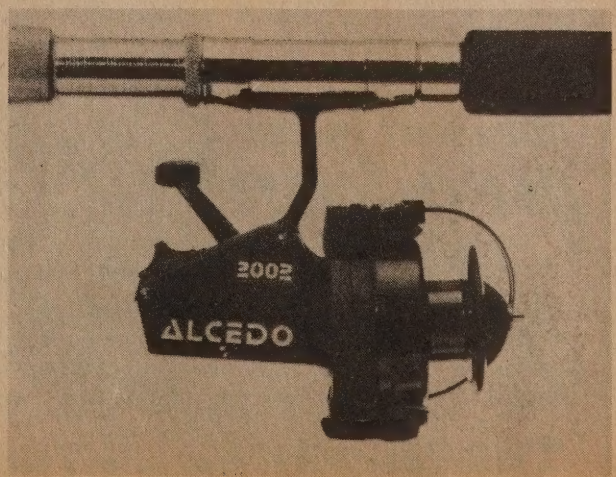

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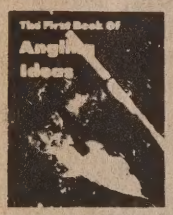

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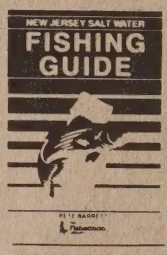

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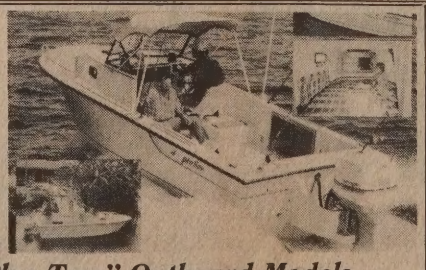

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lots of less expensive reels to choose from, including four rear drag 2600 numbers and four 2500 spool drag models all with a stainless steel ball bearing. The inexpensive rear drag 2100 series includes the EX2172 that takes 270 yards of 20 pound and features a ball bearing, pop-off graphite spool and silent anti-reverse.

Fenwick: A new entry into spinning reels is this famous rod and tackle box company. The Eagles are rear drag models with a stainless steel ball bearing drive, skirted graphite pop-off spool and silent anti-reverse. The 8100 takes 180 yards of 6 pound, while the 8300 holds another 50 yards. The 8500 is largest at 9.9 ounces and a capacity of 150 yards of 12 pound.

QTC: Phil Greyshock used to import Quick reels, but he's now got his own QTC models. The all-new Nova-Plus series features a Quick Cast one-handed casting system plus ball bearing drive, rear drag, push-button spool and silent anti-reserve. The ultra-light 100 takes 200 yards of 6 pound, while the 200 holds 200 yards of 8 pound. Largest is the 300 at 250 yards of 10 pound. The new Nova spinners are lower priced and lack the Quick Cast feature and ball bearing drive. The Nova I, II and III models are the same size as the Nova Plus reels.

Crack: These French reels have long been treasured by many of the surfcasting pros. They are now available on a direct basis from I.D.E., P.O. Box 1502, New York, NY 11415. The famous Crack 300 is anodized and varnished for double protection against rust. A locking flier ring prevents the bail from snapping back during casting, and there is a ball bearing drive. The 300 with a full bail and the 300S with manual pick-up both weigh 1.7 pounds, hold 225 yards of 25 pound and sell for $89.95 postpaid. Also available are the 8 ounce Crack 100 ($74.95) and 16 ounce Crack 200 ($89.95). I.D.E. has a complete inventory of spare parts which can be obtained by mail order.

Alcedo: Once one of the best-known ultra-lights, the Alcedo name eventually faded from the American scene. Now, Continental Arms (697 Fifth Ave., NY) has two models available with a five-year guarantee. The small 2002 has a 5:1 gear ratio, while the 2001 is at 4.2:1. Both retail for $79.95.

South Bend: Three new Black Beauty rear drag spinning reels feature pushbutton skirted spools, brass pinion gears and folding handles and bails. They come in three sizes ranging up to light saltwater.

Eagle Claw is holding the line with their inexpensive rear drag Double Eagle and spool drag Black Eagle lines, as is **Lew Childre** with his four rear drag models featuring stainless steel ball bearings and aluminum oxide line guides. **BMA** has a new top line in the rear drag CY series, but **Martin** is holding with the rear drag, skirted spool spinners introduced last year.

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Each season more and more salt water anglers are discovering the value of Dacron line for everyday fishing situations.

Gary cursed as he re-baited his blackfish rig for about the hundredth time. He was using bait as if he had part ownership in a bait shop and yet his pile of blackfish was less than half the size of Mike's and not nearly as big as the bucket resting in front of my position along the rail of the party boat.

It was obvious he was doing something wrong. Even a novice to sinker bouncing could tell that his system was lacking some major ingredient. It was not the bait; nor was it Gary's angling ability, for we had fished many times previously and on each trip he had demonstrated a knack for hooking even the trickiest biters.

Codfishermen who deep jig often find dacron is better suited to this technique because of its no-stretch factor.

I knew what his problem was, but hesitated in telling him, because I was truly enjoying—no, savoring the moment. It's not often that one knows what his fishing partner is doing wrong and how to correct the situation while remaining secure in the knowledge that as long as he does not reveal the solution his friend will continue to suffer the agony of defeat. It is nice to hold the upper hand, especially when you are pulling three times as many fish as your bewildered partner and I just didn't want to see it come to an end.

Being a nice guy does have its drawbacks. After about an hour of allowing gary to suffer, I casually mentioned that his light monofilament line was more of a hindrance than a help when it came to hooking those crafty "tog." I didn't add the fact that I had spooled my reels with dacron and was using only a short trace of clear mono between the dacron and the terminal rigging, nor did I let him know that the no-stretch factor of dacron gave me a slight edge each time a hit registered up the slender line and onto my finger. As the bites telegraphed through the line I simply lifted the rod and with no stretch in the line the hook was firmly embedded in the tog's jaw.

Gary, on the other hand, hauled back on his soft action spinning rod and the springy mono line and came up with only a bare hook to show for his efforts. He certainly did not have time to get bored, what with re-baiting hooks, missing hits, and watching with envy as Mike and I hauled in blackfish almost as fast as we could drop a baited hook down to the rock infested bottom.

Mike knew what was going on and every so often he would let out a muffled snicker as Gary's rod snapped up and then straightened out as he missed yet another bite. He, too, was enjoying the moment to its fullest, as with each tog he hoisted into the boat he would give a grunt and explain to Gary that hooking blackfish is a game of skill that every fisherman must first master before he can enjoy the catching part of fishing.

There's no doubt in anyone's mind that monofilament line has been one of the greatest advancements in the fishing industry. In spite of the exces-

sive stretch and the springyness, lack of abrasion resistance and the tendency to twist when retrieved under pressure when wound onto a spinning reel, mono has made a lot of average anglers into expert fishermen. It does, however, have some drawbacks when used for specific fishing situations and that built-in stretch is one of them.

For more than 20 years, I've used dacron as a backing on my wire line trolling reels. The wire—as everyone is aware—has no stretch whatsoever. If you exert more pressure on wire than it is rated to handle, you will break it. But by using mono as a backing material you do have some additional leverage until the mono is on the reel and you are using only the wire line to fight your fish. That false sense of security you get from the mono is often your downfall, for when a big fish suddenly makes a surge against a tight drag and the wire with its no stretch feature you can and often do, lose the prize catch of the day.

When I am using dacron and wire line I don't get that extra sense of security and will generally fight the fish to the limit of the wire line while keeping in mind that there is a limit to the amount of pressure I can exert upon the fish. I do not lose many fish because of line failure, but will on occasion have a fatigue cause the wire to pop under the strain.

Years ago, when we rigged our wire line outfits with plain monofilament backing, we often lost the 150 foot shot of wire when a big striper smacked the lures and took off for the bottom. That is a situation we no longer face since adjusting our rigs to use the dacron to wire system.

Under most circumstances you won't notice too great an advantage to using dacron in place of mono. For the occasional angler or one who only fishes for fluke, blues, weakfish or maybe some shallow water bottom fishing there is no advantage. But, the guy who puts in a lot of time bouncing sinkers for blackfish or does some deep water codfishing, the dacron does hold an edge and is certainly worth the additional cash outlay.

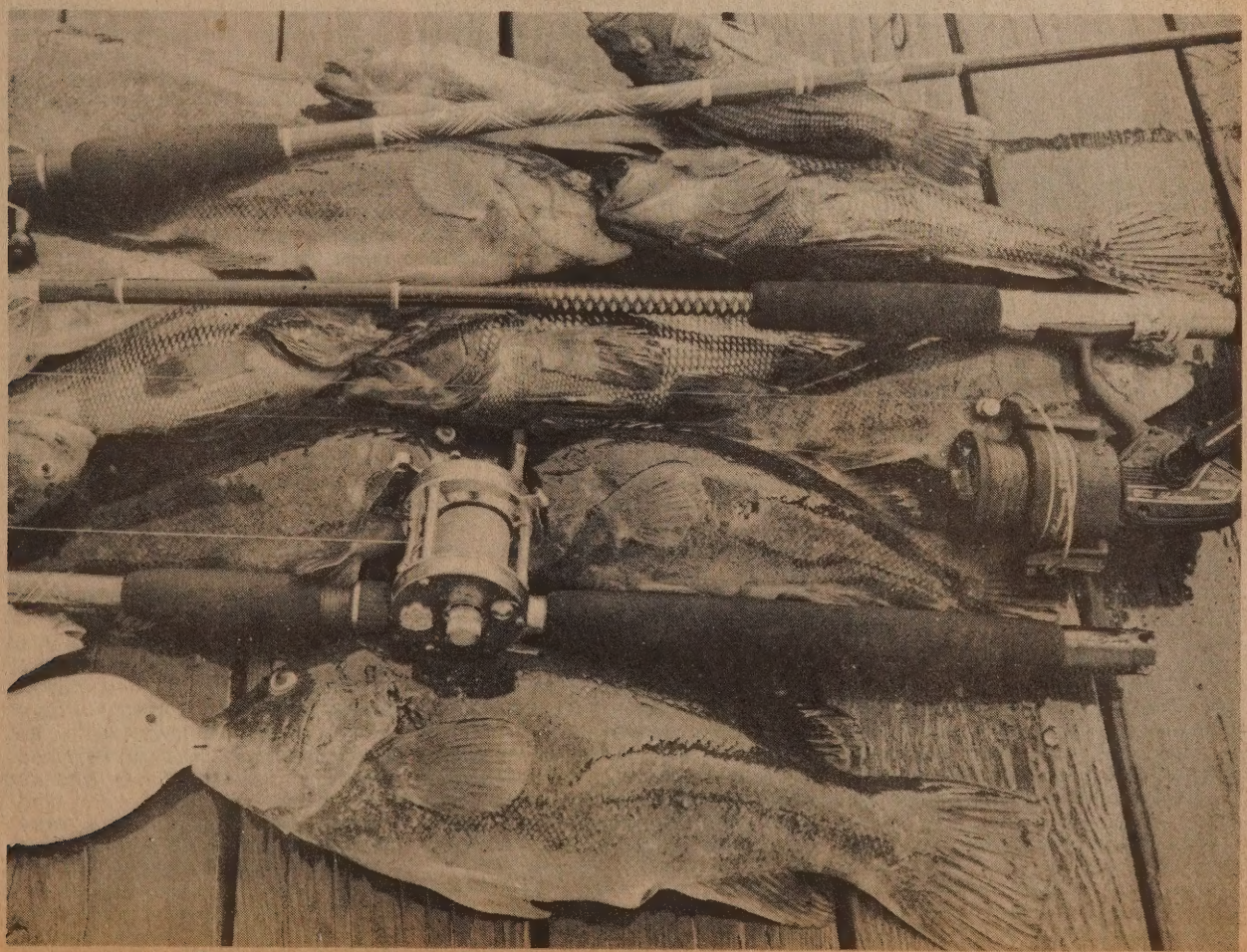
If you do a lot of casting I'd suggest you stick with the monofilament for it is the best all around choice. Ditto for drift fishing for fluke, weakies, blues or striped bass. There is no incentive to using dacron under these circumstances and since mono is less costly you will save money in the long run.

If, however, you do a lot of offshore fishing for sharks and the tunas or marlin you will certainly benefit by switching to dacron. This applies only to those who are familiar with tackle and know how to properly set the drag on their reels.

All of our sharking outfits are rigged with dacron as are most of our heavy trolling setups. The no-stretch feature allows us to muscle a fish more efficiently without fear of breaking the line and this, in turn, will beat a big fish quicker with less chance of the fish throwing the hook or fraying a leader.

Most experienced big game anglers agree that dacron is the line of the professional. This does not mean that it is not equally effective when used by the occasional angler or even by someone who is new to big game fishing. You may spend a little more for dacron, but when measured in terms of additional fish in the cooler, the outlay may not be quite as drastic as imagined.

We have all of our blackfish outfits rigged with dacron and all of the offshore outfits from the 30 to 80 lb. class set-ups. The inshore casting and chumming reels do have monofilament as do our fluke, flounder, weakfish and all of the surf and jetty fishing outfits. As we stated at the start of this column, there will always be a place for monofilaments and monofilament alloy lines in the fishing industry. Dacron is just one little plus that each angler should add to his arsenal of fishing equipment.



Tautog anglers can benefit handsomely from the no stretch characteristics of dacron.

—1984 IN REVIEW—

WEST END SOUTH SHORE

by Stu Miller

Where did the year go? Shall we call it the year of no blue claw crabs? The eye-blink mackerel season? The short fluke season. The bass bounce back year? The red hot monster blue year? It's your choice. They all apply. It went something like this, week by week.

Jan. 1: Good codding on the Freeport boats. A 60.3 lb. cod taken on the Starstream II. Also a fish of 51.8, with 30s, 40s not uncommon. Lots of big cod at wrecks, rocks, mussel beds and snags; 100 to 200 cod for a typical party boat outing. Cod averaged 6-20 lbs., and were consistent. Pool fish went 35-50 lbs. A scattering of macks.

Jan. 8: Cod continue to be the only game in town, fish to 20 a man. A 30 lb. pollock on the Capt. Al for Bob Donahue of NJ. Lots of cod but spread out. Some days weathered out, but cod fair to good, weather and sea conditions determining number of fish caught. Anglers picking away steadily, with fish on every drop. Some scattered macks.

Jan. 15: Cod the mainstay. Fish around but cold weather kept a lot of anlgers away. Catches fair, despite cold and heave. Fish averaged 10-15 lbs., 1-4 a man, in 100' of water on wrecks. Open bottom producing some fish. Fish are spread out with cod on every drop. Lot of big whiting for Sheepshead Bay boats, days best.

Jan. 22: Decent cod catches each trip sailed, fish to 30 lbs., 10-15 lb. average on wrecks. Pools going 20-30 lbs.

Jan. 29: Weather moderated. Good codding from Freeport, with a 61 lber. caught. Lot of fish around. Many big fish, average 4-8 a man for regulars. Most are 6-18 lbs. from edges of wrecks.

Feb. 5: Cod remain fair to good on wrecks. Good fishermen getting 7-9 cod a man and pools are in 20s and 30s.

Feb. 12: Good catches continue on cod, 8-18 lbs. A 46 lb. pool fish for Dom Oritz of the Bronx. Several 30-40 pounders caught. A few dogs mixed in now, with the water warming. Some 5-15 lb. pollock and red hake, 10 lb. class and few 10 lb. blacks on wrecks.

Feb. 19: Cod picky to fair, av. 10-15 lbs.

Feb. 26: Cod improved from Freeport on wrecks. A 74 lb. cod for Al Semica. Blacks mixed with the cod along with some ling and hake. Cod averaged 8-12 lbs. Still good numbers of cod, as setliners continue to do good. Flounder appear to have started, but not enough pounders out yet to prove the point. One group had 60, 3/4 to 1½ lbs., with heavy chumming in the Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridge areas. Pilot II had nearly 150 fair size flounder at Navesink in NJ. A start.

March 4: Cod continue to be picked out of Freeport. Flounder are showing but slow due to cold and rough conditions. The cod average 6 lbs., and fares had to work for 'em this week, on wrecks and rocks. Blacks mixed in, to 4 lbs. flatties best in Jones Inlet and Garretts Lead.

March 11: Icy weather conditions kept fishing down, but some cod and flounder were taken nonetheless. Those that picked cod had 5-12 lbers. and mixed blacks, all on wrecks. Flounder high hooks were in the 20s to 1¾ lbs.

March 18: The cold and wind continue to keep the flounder in the mud. There are some fair catches up to 20 a man, fish av. 3/4-1½ lbs. Come on, spring! Buoy 18 and 19 in Reynolds produced 1 lb. av. fish. North channel bridge had fish 3/4-1 lb. Good catches mixed in. Flounder in the Navesink, 10-20 a man.

March 25: Weather moderates some. Flounder catches increase. Seaford liveries av. 25 per skiff. Mussels working best, both sides Wantagh bridges, Short Beach C.G., Jones Beach piers and Swift Creek, Massapequa Cove, 3/4 to 1½ lbs. Freeport and Pt. Lookout boats seeing good catches of 3/4 to 2 lb. fish, to 25 a man. Mussels best. Heavy chumming important. Reynolds buoys 18-20 good and all creek mouths. Hog channel, Duck Pt., Garretts Lead, Baldwin Bay, Silver Hole and N. & S. Channel bridges, all had flounder, mixed sizes. Good to excellent in Jamaica Bay and Navesink River. Great Kills Harbor from the S.I. Beach was good. Cod and blacks continue on wrecks.

April 1: Big storm during week, with some recovery on flounder on weekend at the Wantagh bridges and State Channel. Some decent spots were Mass. Cove, Ft. Neck Pt., Swift and Scow Creeks. Buoys 17-20 in Reynolds. The whole "back" had fish, including Magnolia Blvd. Pier, buoy 5 east of the Atl. Bch. br., Duck Pt., Jamaica Bay and the Navesink. Wrecks offshore produced some big cod of 40 and 48 lbs. and pollock to 32 lbs. Some men had 10-12 fish.

Spril 8: Flounder fair to good. Best was Squaw, 3rd Wantagh, Gilgo and Ft. Neck Pt., 1/2-3/4 lbs. Chum's a must! Freeport/Pt. Lookout boats doing good. Lots of double headers at Squaw. A few astounding catches. Good were buoys 16-18 Reynolds, Garretts lead, Swift Creek, sea dog, Middle Bay flats, Woodmere Bay feeder creeks, hog, Jamaica Bay and Navesink. Mixed fish to 2 lbs. Princess Bay in S.I. from the beach. Super cod on offshore wreck for Starstream, with fish of 62, 63 and 71 lbs. caught. Cod av. 10-15 lbs., 5-10 a man. Pollock to 15 lbs. and some hake.

April 15: Lot of rain, low temperatures, and brisk winds this week. Codfishing continues good on the offshore wrecks. Pools are in the 40s, fish av. 12-15 lbs., 6-10 per man. For flounder, Squaw was hot at the top of the tide. Reynolds picked up with the warming water. Swift and Long Creeks, Garretts Lead, Sea Dog, Middle Bay flats, buoy 20, cement block and Duck Pt. produced. Also good were Silver Hole, N & S Channel bridges, and Great Kills Harbor. Mixed to 1¾ lbs.

April 22: Weather eased up on the weekend. Flounder built south of Seaford at Wanser's Cut, Squaw, 4 Corners, Mass. Cove. Chumming very important! Short Beach CG and the Jones piers too. Reynolds, Cinder Creek, Garretts, buoy 17, Rowboat alley and the green house at Broad Creek, all good. Freeport and Pt. Lookout boats caught well. Liveries had 20-40 a skiff. Baldwin Bay was good. Mackerel approaching our section of coastline. Blackfish have started at the Meadowbrook bridge and the wrecks. Cod still good on wrecks, up to 56 lbs. Fish 46 and 48 lbs. taken, and a lot 25-35 lbers. Plus pollock to the tune of 6-12 a man. Fish av. 15-18 lbs. Cod also at Cholera. Blacks to 7½ lbs. Flounder also at Jamaica Bay, Seabright, Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook, Great Kills Harbor, Annandale, Princess Bay and old Home Dock.

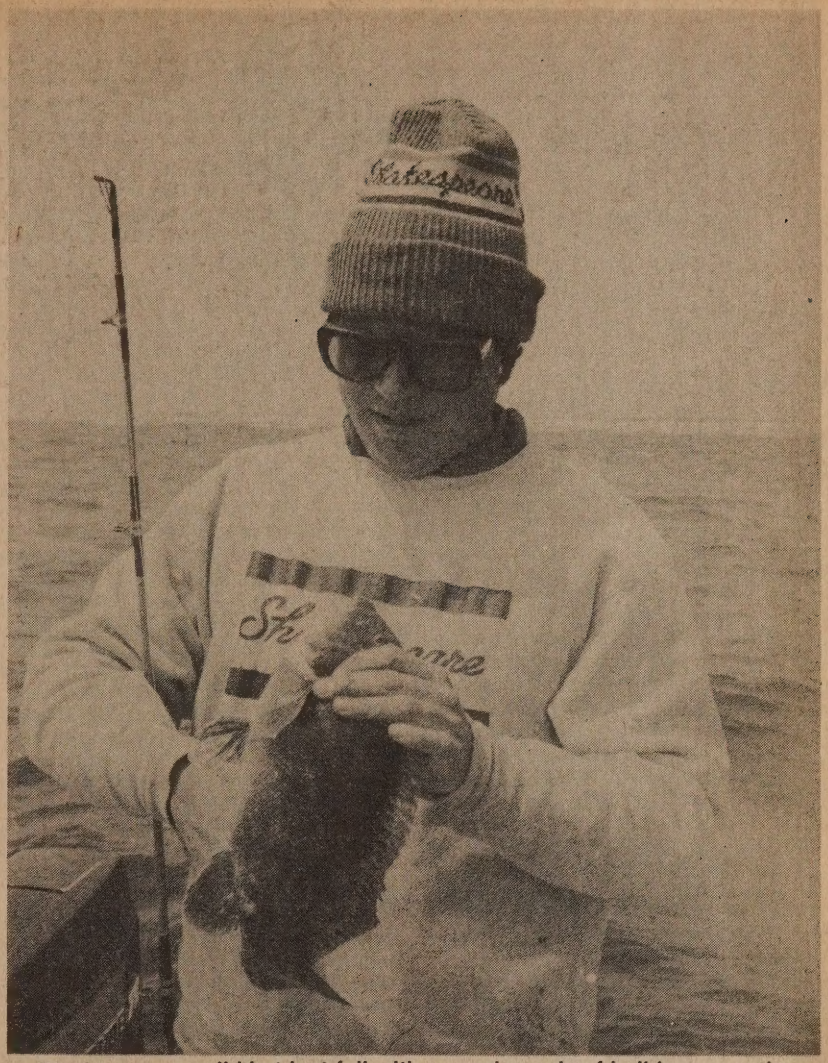
April 29: Weather and water warming up. Macks are here. Flounder have increased and blackfishing is strong. Mackerel being caught to 3 lbs. at Cholera, 30 mi. off Jones and Mud Hole west. Full sack time and still moving in. Macks and ling off S.I.

Aboard a private boat, Debra, 98 cod are caught on a wreck in 180' of water. Blacks at local bridges, T and Rota wrecks. A 10 lb. black for Glen Keller and many 6-7 lbers. at the Meadowbrook. Lot of smaller ones at the Atlantic Bch. Bridge; 11¾ lb. black for Harven Sailer on Pilot II, Sheepshead Bay. Blacks starting around the lighthouses at S.I. and some schoolie bass in S.I. surf. Good floundering, 30-80 per skiff at Mass. Cove, 4 Corners and Merrick Bay. Chumming vital; Squaw and West Island too. Small sea bass and porgies mixed in. Mussels best. Broad Creek, Middle Bay flats, Swift & Ned's Creeks, Reynolds and Garretts all had fish, as well as Magnolia Pier. Party boats having very good catches. Lot of 1½ lbers. Pools are 2 lb. class fish. Excellent flounder and ling mixed in just outside Sandy Hook.

May 6: Slaughter on macks all week long, 1½ to 3 lb. Bostons. Hugging Jones Inlet area to 17 miles off beach. Catches well over 100 a man. Bagging up on every boat. One charter called it a day after 2½ hrs of 3 and 4 at a time on the Kim. Cholera's been hot. Blacks good at Big M, jetties, T wreck and Atlantic Beach bridge active. Flounder 3/4 to 2 lbs. Must chum. Best in the back for Seaford and Freeport craft. The flatties are all over the place to 2½ lbs., larger in skinny water (flats). All Reynolds was good. Flounder and ling from Sheepshead Bay off Cedars and Tin Can.

May 13: Flounder continue excellent from Wantagh bridges to the Jersey Coast. Mostly keepers. 50-60 per livery skiff. Best in back bays and creeks. Seaford, Freeport and Pt. Lookout fleet getting good catches. Pools go 2+ lbs. A 3.8 flounder at Short Beach for Elaine Starks. Cedars and Sandy Hook yielding flounder and ling, to the west. Mackerel caught all week by the party boats 15 mi. south of Jones Inlet. The Sheepshead Bay fleet was in on these. Blackfish very strong at wrecks, bridges and rocks, up to 9 lbs. An 8¾ lber. at Big M. Silver Pt. jetty to gong buoy, Marine Pkwy Bridge, Jersey Coast and S.I. Bug Lights good. Few scattered weak reports at Captree drawbridge on jellies and bucktail/pork rind. A few fluke at Duck Pt., B 3 and bridge areas. Bass to 8½ lbs. at Little Neck Bay on floating Rebels. Few blue claws at Pete's Clam Bar.

May 20: Spring truly arrives. Flounder continue strong all over, going 1-1½ lbs., with Squaw yielding the biggest. Twenty to 30 a man is no problem this week. Mussels and heavy chumming. Middle Bay flats great. Mackerel have passed to the east. Fluke start, with fish to 4 lbs. in Reynolds, B. 17, 18 and 19. Many shorts. A few blowfish stir our hopes, but never amount to anything. Blackfish super on ocean wrecks, and local bridges. Tom Felice bags a 10½ lber. Pilot II loads up. The buoy 4 area outside Debs is paved with blacks to 8 lbs. Local wrecks yielding sea bass to 3 lbs., blacks to 7 lbs. and ling to 5 lbs. Some fluke at juncture of Reynolds and Sloop. Severe lack of big, night feeding bass, per Ron Lepper. Blows at T wrecks. A few bass off Great Kills on sands.



Blacks were a solid bet last fall with a good supply of bulldogs over the five pound mark.

May 27: Fluke building, but with a lot of midgets mixed in, Reynolds sloop and north. Nice size keepers. Also Debs and off Riis Pk. Flounder continue strong. Catches on Chinco III of 184, 87, 86, 114 as high hooks of week. Mixed to 2¼ lbs; 9-11 blows mixed in holes and deep channels best, back spots best. Chum the ticket! Slack at Big M was great! Fish are everywhere. Blackfish very good at Big M and T wreck. Big M holding many 4 and 5 lbers. ABB and gong/Silver Pt. jetty good. Blacks, sea bass and ling on the wrecks and reefs. A lot of ling at 17 Fathom. Flounder and blacks at N & S Channel bridge. A solid catch of 3-5 lb. blues south of Farms, bcc at Pete's Clam bar. Few weaks on sands at Unqua Pt., also on white bucktails.

June 3: Bum weather; wind, rain for a few days, but fair/excellent flounder, fluke and blacks between the weather. Flounder good through Sloops, Reynolds, Swift, Big M and Zachs Bay. Lot of chum needed. Jamaica Bay, Cedars and Roundhouse to the west. The fluking saw 30-50 percent keeper ratio at Reynolds b. 17-19, Big M. Scow Creek flats and Duck Pt and Woodsburgh Ch. An 8 lber. was picked in eastern Reynolds. Blacks at Meadowbrook bridge, T wreck and Long Creek bridge, Atlantic Beach bridge, N & S Channel Bridge, Norton's Point and Seagirt. Porgies to 2 lbs. at Seagirt. Some big bass from Rockaway and Long Beaches, 30-50 lbs. on bait. Blacks, fluke and flounder at Atlantic beach bridge; 3½ lb. sea bass in Jones on killie for Norm Silverman. Mixed bag in Sloop and Merrick Pt. Few weaks at Unqua Pt. on worms. Some blues at Slew and Farms.

June 10: With a sunny week, fluking was active, flounder and blacks strong, and blues started to 14 lbs. Plenty of flounder; 70-100 av. on rental skiffs. Lot small stuff, too. All through Sloop channel and waters north thereof. All through Reynolds, also. Hot at Squaw and 2nd Wantag.

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Blues 10-13 lbs. in 100' water south of Jones Inlet on bait and chum. Fast fluking with lots of midgets in Jones Inlet and Reynolds, Swift and fluke also off Riis and Playland. Seabass, blacks and ling are strong on offshore wrecks and reels. Blackfish to 8 lbs. at Atlantic Beach bridge and Silver Pt. jetty; 8-10 lb. blues on bait and chum at 17 Fathoms. Load of 2-3 lb. blues at Sandy Hook and Atlantic Highlands. Some BCC at Bay Park. Ten percent keeper fluke off Staten Island. Weekday AMs bay blues off the CG station and in 30' of water. A few 20-30 lb. stripers on worms of Breezy Point jetty.

June 17: Flounder galore! Squaw, Swift, Sloop, bridges, Scow, Middle Bay, Reynolds, N & S Channel Bridge. Bring the chum. Fluke decent, with lots of shorts. Fifty to 75 percent keeper ratios. Fish everywhere, including off Riis, Rockaways, and the channels. Blues to 3 lbs. in the AM and PM quiet hours at the bridges. A few larger ones 60 to 90 feet of water. Three brown shark out of Freeport. An 8 bl. black on live killy for Marion Alterman; 2-8 lb blues at Highlands and Asbury Park on umbrellas and diamond jigs. Four to five lbers. on bunker chunks at N & S CHannel Bridges. Blacks at the bridges and jetties. Big M will prove to be the hot blackfish bridge in '84. Ling, sea bass and blacks on wrecks and reefs. Good number of 15-25 lb. stripers on the June moon on trolled blue and white Danny plugs on the Kim; 140 lb. great white takes first prize of $9000 in Hudson Anglers Shark tournament.

June 24: Flounder very good to excellent, but a lot of small fish this week. Mainly throughout Sloop, in the deeper spots. Lots on short fluke, with keepers mixed in, Reynolds, CG station and Broad Creek. An 8½ lb. fluke for Greg Olah of E. Meadow. Several 4-7 lbers. on the inside. Riis and Sandy Hook building in keepers. Blues 13-16 lbs. at 17 Fathomas, and 3 mi. SE of HA Buoy smashing umbrellas. Jersey Coast building, fish av. 10 lbs. Blacks fair to good at Meadowbrook bridge and Silver Pt. Jetty. Solid sea bass and ling off Jersey Coast. Wrecks loaded with sea bass, blacks and ling. Few bass eeled at Meadowbrook bridge and chunked at S/Point jetty. Party boats starting to bluefish. First tuna report—Hal Erdrick, at Canyon, 175 lb. bigeye and 15 footballs; BCC at Bay Pk. Snappers starting. A few weaks at Tin Can on worms.

July 1: Flounder good in deep water for local open boats and livery skiffs, mixed sizes. Loads of fluke, most throwbacks, but also a lot of very decent and large fluke, up to 5 lbs. All creeks and channels and back bays, Jamaica Bay, ruffle bar. To 7 lbs., at the channels. Blacks and sea bass at bridges. Porgies, blacks and sea bass on Jersey rocky areas. Bay blues at bridges and inlets AMs and PMs. Blue at Cholera, 3 Sisters and along beaches; 2-15 lb. blues and weaks to 15 lbs. and bonito to 4 lbs. Days and nights. Jigs days; bait nights. Fish from 25' of water to 12 miles out. Trolled and jigged in 30' water. Biggest at 17 Fathoms, Sisters and Farms. Makos increasing, with 2 in the 100 lb. class and duskies 80-120 lbs. Bigeye tuna at the Canyon. Weaks in Jamaica Bay to 11 lbs. on whole or chunked bunker. Stripers on drifted sandworms at the Tin Can.

July 8: Rainy and windy week allowed poor-good fishing around the weather. Blues were from picky to very good, days and nights anywhere from 1-15 lbs., depending on the day. Cholera hot. Water full of sand eels. Five to 10 lbers. at Mud Hole west. Loads of 12-16 lbers. Trolled at 17 Fathoms. Name an area—fish were caught there. Enough keeper fluke and plenty of midgets. Pool fluke 3-4 lbers. Fish from Wantagh Br. to Sandy Hook. Still some blacks at wrecks and jetties. Bay blues and sea bass at Wantagh bridges and Great Island Channel. Flounder good in the deeps of Swift, Meadowbrook bridge, Atlantic Beach bridge and Short Beach CB station. Lots of blacks and some porgies out of Sheepshead, some big bass on live and chunked bunker to the west. Sand porgies, bay blues and flounder off N & S Ch. br. Fair bass numbers at Atlantic Beach bridge on umbrellas and white bucktails AM and PM. Weaks on live bunker in bay creeks, a few at the channels, Tin Can on bait tails and sandworms.

July 15: Unbelievable numbers of fluke, but most are midgets in all the same back bay haunts. Decent flounder in the deep holes at Meadowbrook Bridge, S.B.C.G. and Swift, many 1½ lbs. Porgies, fluke, blues and stripers at Jamaica Bay bridges, with nights there yielding 8-10 blues on chunked or whole bunker. Blues have been from fair to a slaughter. Bay blues on fluke rigs at 2 & 3 Wantagh. In 60-80', 8-15 lbers. are very hungry. Erratic. Days and nights equally good. Fish there, but moving around. More huge schools moving up NJ Coast. Jason Ogden bags a 19¼ lber. in Jamaica Bay on live bunker. There's mixed stripers on fresh bunker at the can. Great 2-6 lb. blackfish and sea bass off Jersey Coast. Texas Tower area has some good YFT on plastic. Big shark tournament out of Mako Marina winners: 573 lb. tiger, 356.8 lb. maio and 213 lb. tiger. Fresh bunker for good bass and weaks at Tin Can. Shark, white marlin and tuna at Texas Tower. YFT over 100 lbs., 35 mi. S of Jones.

July 22: Great flounder in holes, especially at Meadowbrook bridge, also at S.B.C.G. and Swift. Loads of fluke, large percentage shorts, in all the main channels, with a 9.8 lb. fluke caught off S.B.C.G. A 27½ lb. striper took a sandworm at the 3rd Wantagh. Bues good to excellent, day and night, 5-12 lbs. Some days better than others. Some slaughter trips, all within 9 mi. of Jones. With weather, nights are great! Umbrellas taking toll on fish too. Mother lode settles in 4-8 mi. off beach, from Ambrose to Fire Island. Three to fives at Norton's Pt. on bottom rigs. Harger at HA and Farms. Betty W III wins 1st and 2nd prize in N.Y. Harbor Festival with blues of 20.8 and 19.8. Lot of snappers and porgies in Jamaica Bay and Bay Park. Strong HFT and BFT in 35 lb. class in 130' water south of J. Inlet. Sharks spotty. Some 100 lb. class makos. A 290 lb. mako for Paul Borden in 120' of water. J.R. at Sea Isle bags a 587 lb. giant on Tuna Tangler at Montauk. Bass and weaks chunked at the can and Jamaica Bay. Very poor sharking in general.

July 29: Good sprinkling of keeper fluke, with a few doormats. Producing spots: 4 Corners, Goose, Sloop, Haunts, Inlet, Massapequa Cove, Squaw, Reynolds, buoy 17, Middle Bay, Coney Isl. flats, Sandy Hook. Loads of throwbacks. Larger flounder at the bridges, S.B.C.G., Swift, Mussel beds and Jones Beach pier. Blues good to excellent, trolled in 30-50' water. Farm, day and night, blues to 14 lbs. Some slaughter on 4-12 lbers. from buoy 4, Debs, to Cholera. Try live bergalls for bait. Klondike at night very good. Solid 4-10 lb. class catches Farms/Klondike. Excellent blacks to 7 lbs. at Stone Barge. A.B. bridge had 15-20 lb. bass in quiet AM hrs on bunker. Also off Rockaway jetties on 4½ inch Dannys. Bass too at 3rd Wantagh on bellies. Lots of snaps in Zachs bay. Few weaks at 3rd Wantagh on sandworms fished on bottom. A 98 lb. HFT at the tower on Green machine; others in 40-50 lb. range. A 348 lb. great w white N/W of HA buoy for Kevin Corradino. Weaks, bass and blues under bunker schools in Reynolds channel on chunks.

Aug. 5: Giant schools of blues dominate inshore scene from Sheepshead to Captree, solid and consistent days and nights; 45-60' super on troll, jig or bait. Buoy 4 hot, blues to 12 lbs. Sacks! Five to 10 lbers. Best of year, so far. All boats loading up. Nights pure dynamite! Boats returning early. Plenty of fluke action, low keeper ratio. More keepers on flats. Ocean fluking good with large sea bass mixed in. Live snappers getting larger fluke. Flounder smaller in size and numbers. Meadowbrook bridge and Swift best. Tuna and marlin between the T/Tower and canyon. Sand porgies in Jamaica Bay. BCC remain few and far between. Weaks, bass and blues at night at bridges on bunker. Good weaks at Tin Can, nights on Red Nordic eels. Snaps in Jamaica Bay. Good cod to 45 lbs., new in 30s. Many 8-10 lbers. and some pollock on offshore wrecks. Big weaks on sands, 3rd Wantagh. B/G rays in field 6 surf. Snaps all over the joint. Nine white marlin and 3 YFT to 68 lbs. and BFT to 80 lbs. for 3 Sea-Sons. A 42 lb. bass caught from Marine Pkway bridge on chunk and with bridge gaff.

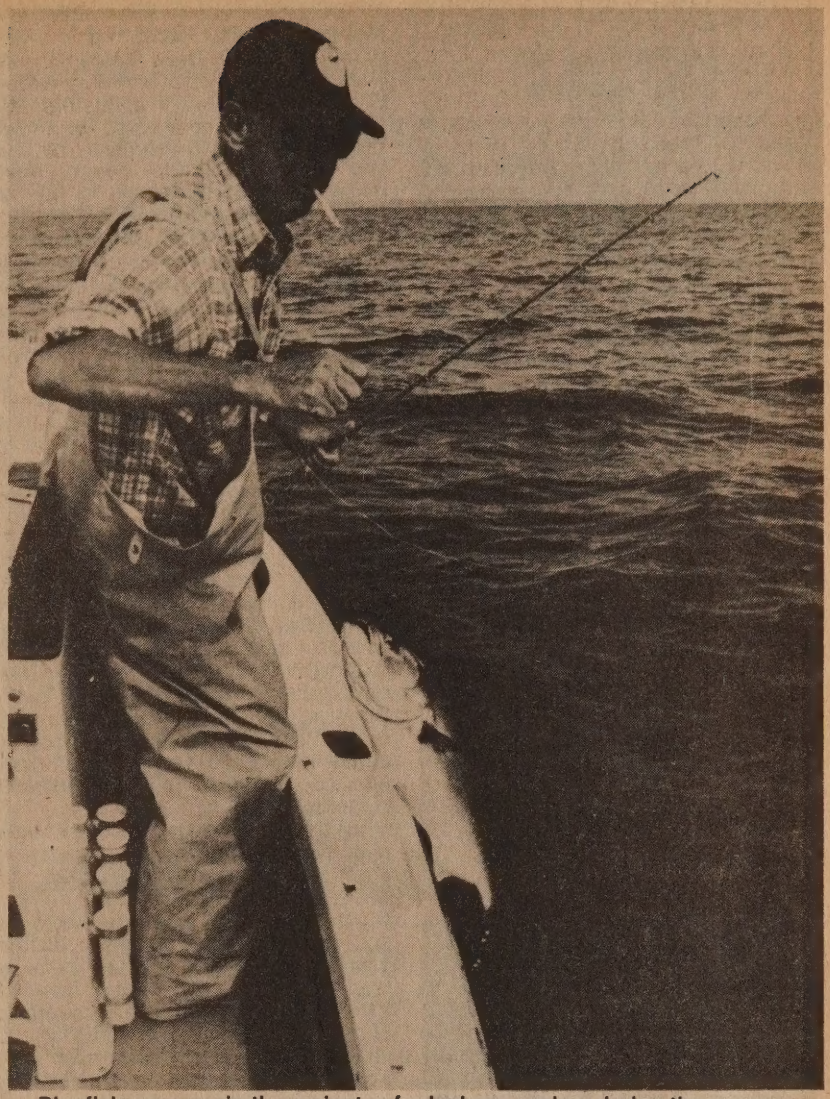
Aug. 12: Ocean fluking very good.

Low keeper ratio inside. Riis had mostly keepers, to 7 lbs. and lot of 4 lbrs. with sea bass to 4 lbs. mixed in. Riis to Ambrose and Marine Pkwy. Bridge area good keepers. Porgies, fluke and snaps on N & S Channel bridge, with B, B, and W at night on bunker at the channels. Blacks at the inshore wrecks. Flounder to good to excellent at Buoy 17, Meadowbrook bridge and Swift. Blues excellent most trips (except for moon at end of week) day and night. Porgies, blacks and ling on western wrecks, weaks and bass nights at Tin Can on Nordic eels. Loads of snaps to 1/2 lb. weaks at the bridges on sands around the low. Great wreck sea bassing, to 5.2 lb. White marlin in 97' water S/E of Jones; 125 lb. bet. 40 mi. SE Jones. More white marlin, bft and yft on 3-Sea-Sons between tuna tower and canyon. Three members of Hudson Anglers bag 70 keeper fluke in Fundy and Reynolds to 7.8 oz.

Aug. 19: Some flounder continue at Meadowbrook bridge and Swift. Fair numbers of keeper fluke, usual spots. An 8½ lber. for Scott Jaworski in Long Creek. A 9½ lbr. for Mr. Sorokin on a live killy on 8 lb. test at the Sloop/Reynolds juncture. Blues remain super from 17 Fathoms to Jones tower. Loads caught! Most day and night trips excellent, fish 2-18 lbs. and still building. Bonito mixed in. Snaps, porgies and fluke in Jamaica Bay. 8-12 lb. bass at Atlantic Beach bridge on bunker. Some BCC behind Skippys in E. Rockaway. Canyon tuna good. Weaks at Tin Can at dusk. A 350 lb. mako on the Capt. Ben and YFT 40-60 lbs., all 42 mi. SE of inlet. More reports on BFT, YFT, BET and white marlin. Weaks to 11 lbs. on sand worm, 3rd Wantagh, 3' off bottom. Bass on bellies at bridges.

Aug. 26: Continued good/excellent blues, weather permitting. Fish from 20' of water to 3½ mi. out, up to 15 lbs. Party boats catching very good to excellent days and nights. Quanities of smaller or smaller numbers of alligators. Cholera to 17 Fathom. Nights seeing blues to 15 lbs. Everyone loading up. Buoy 4 area a slaughter on umbrellas, fish 4-6 lbs. Playland hot in 25' of water. 4-12 lbrs. Highlands to Asbury Park to the Rockaways. Lot of offshore tuna and white marlin activity. Fluke fair on keepers inside. Big fluke and sea bass off Riis Park, Middle Bay, Meadowbrook bridge and Swift good. Between Tin Can and Nortons, blues, weaks and bass eves on bunker, Nordic Eels and bait tails AM. Good porgy and sea bass from Rockaway to Seabright. Jamaica Bay has porgies, flounder, snappers and bay blues. Large night blues on chunks. Sea bass at Cholera. Stripers at Atlantic Beach Bridge. Loads of snappers. Small YFT and BFT and a few dolphin at Compass Rose.

Sept. 2: Blues very good to super from 30' water on out, day and night, close in, 3-12 lbs. 19 lber. for Chester Werle. Very consistent and hot! Cholera, Middle Ground, 17 Fathom.



Bluefish were again the mainstay for inshore anglers during the summer and fall of 1984.

Weaks mixed in at Norton's Pt. and Ambrose Tower; 20-50 a man no big trick. Fluking steady with enough keepers. 40-50 percent keeper ratio now. Sand porgies and sea bass throughout the Bay. Big fluke and sea bass off Riis. Good number of 7 to 9 lb. fluke in Ambrose channel, a 90 percent keeper area. Flounder good with sea bass and porgies mixed in. Middle Bay, Meadowbrook and Loop Bridges, Jamaica Bay bridge mixed bags. Blacks very good at Atlantic Beach bridge, Gong buoy and 28th St. wreck. Grab bag at Magnolia Blvd. pier. Blacks and weaks at Pt. Lookout jetties; 8¾ lb. black at Big M. for Dan Ratigan. Blacks, sea bass and flounder at bridges and holes, tuna at compass rose and Virginia wreck. Three BET from 105-137 lbs. on "Misty" and two 70 lb. class YFT, on green machines. Snappers! Bass on bellies at Big M; 10-12 lb. weaks, Big M, on live snapper. Mixed bag at Wantagh bridge of flounder, fluke, porgies, weaks, sea bass and snappers.

Sept. 9.: Good mixed bag week! Fluke mostly keepers now. Thirty-three keepers for Mr. Greaci. Haunts, Goose, Sloop, Merrick Pt. good. Lot of big fluke to 5 lbs. off Riis Park, best this year. Also very good at Ambrose. Sandy Hook blues very obliging most trips. All boats loading up. Couple of days slid due to the moon. Large fish at Cholera, big numbers jigged along beaches. Flounder bounced back in the bays, channels and at bridges to 2 lbs. with sea bass and porgies mixed in. Excellent porgies off North and South Channel bridges. Super blackfishing at Meadowbrook bridge, tuna at Virginia wreck and Bicardi wreck, 50-80 lbs. Wrecks holding loads of blacks, sea bass and porgies. Weaks on live snaps at bridges when it's quiet. 96 blacks at 3rd Wantagh for Ted Neads. Snaps galore. Tuna, bonito, albies and dolphin offshore.

Sept. 16: Excellent mixed bags again! Mostly a repeat of previous week, but also super blitz of giant tuna at Mud Hole. Flounder very good. Best fluke at Old Orchard Light and Ambrose ch., to 7½ lbs. Blues a

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slaughter 6 out of 7 days, nights hot and cold. Close to beach 1-6 lbers. jigged. On one trip, Marie III low hook 37; high hook 68 blues! Blacks at 3rd Wantagh hot, also Loop and most of all, Big M. The Atlantic Beach Bridge to Gong buoy also. Porgies and sea bass on any rough, deep bottom. A 540 lb. giant for Richie Koch on "Libra" at the Mud Hole.

Sept. 23: Flounder continue good. Fluking is at its best now and lots of keepers, main channels. Riis park has been particularly super, with 20-60 keepers a man. Playland, Jones and Debs have been very good. Keepers now the majority to 8 lbs. Buoys 7-9 Debs and Jamaica Bay good. Excellent blackfishing at Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridge. Also there is bass on cut bait AMs and PMs. Prime bluefishing, 2-5 lbs. along beaches. Big stuff nights to 18 lbs. on bait further offshore. Cholera to 15 lbs. Day and night strong, trips fair-excellent. Tons of 1-4 lbers. consistent to 18 lbs. at Seabright. All you want! Porgies, sea bass and blacks at wrecks, rocks and reefs. Bass being plugged off various jetties. Blows, sea bass, fluke, flounder and blacks at br. Big snappers all over the place. BFT in the 100-200 lb. class at Bicardi and albies and YFT. Texas Tower area had 40 lb. class BFT, albies and skippies.

Sept. 30: Big alligator blues in area now. Fish now 2-20 lbs. Loads of smaller blues along beaches. 17 Fathom exc. day and night on big stuff. Most trips are slaughers. By end of week, all 12-18 lbers. further out. Tackle busted up all over place by real monsters. Big blues invaded Swift Creek and some were caught to 13½ lbs. on bunker chunks. 17 Fathoms a real hotspot for the gorillas. The colder weather has gotten them feeding days, too. Lot of weaks in Zachs Bay on chunks. Some bass at the bridges on bait. Strong mixed bag action on the inside at the bridges and back areas on flounder, blacks, blowfish, bay blues and some fluke and eels. Flounder average 3/4-1 lb. Chumming important. Fluke almost over, but few linger off Playland and Debs. Blues and weaks under the schools of bunker in Reynolds. Lots of school tuna at the Mud Hole. Blacks very good at Big M and 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges and at wrecks, along with some porgies and sea bass. Local inshore wrecks super on 2-3 lb. sea bass, porgies and blacks. BCC excellent all along East Rockaway channel, behind Skippy's tackle. Giant tuna still in good numbers at Mud Hole.

Oct. 7: Heavy mixed bags. Flounder to 2 lbs., chum vital. Blows, blacks and few fluke. Main channels and also back. Flounder are strong now. Fluke got hot in Debs, probably a grand finale. Sheepshead's fluke now mostly keepers and some 1-3 lb. sea bass. Lot of huge blues in surf (Gilgo, west end 2, field 6) on cut bait, and some bass to 28 lbs. Super blues on the head boats, 10-18 lbers; loads of 2-3 lbers. off Jersey. Jumbos from upper teens into the 20s, bait and jigs. 17 Fathoms, Farms, Seabrigt, Cholera. Unreal bluefishing. Blacks at the Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges, T and Rota wrecks in big numbers. Big weaks in Zachs Bay. Sea bass, porgies, blacks at wrecks and reefs. Coal barge hot! Tuna to 150 lbs., Bicardi; weaks, blues and bass through Reynolds under the bunker schools. Snaps and BCC strong at E. Rockaway channel. Tuna hot at the Mud Hole, to 240 lbs. Loads of albies. Solid flounder, sea bass, blacks and porgies for bottom bouncers.

October 14: Weekdays fishable, stormy weekend. Mixed flounder, sea bass and porgies at bridges and most channels and back spots. Blues continue a leap job to 19.4 lbs. at Farms, Cholera, Ambrose. Quality and quantity is name of bluefish game! John Paul bagged a 17.15 lb. blue under the marine pkwy bridge on a chunk. Lot of blacks and some sea bass and porgies at Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges, plus some blows, kings, snaps and flounder. Sea bass, blacks and porgies at inshore wrecks. Great blacks at Atlantic beach bridge, buoys 9 and 28 St. wreck. Bass and blues plugged in am at the bridges. 17 lb. weak at S. Channel bridge on chunk for Frank Sillippone. Tuna to 150 lbs. at Bicardi. Bass from the Gilgo and West end 2 beaches.

Oct. 21: Super blues! Couldn't be better, 13-23 lbs. From 3 mi. off to Cholera, bait and chum best. Anglers are arm-weary. Fish over 20 lbs. commonplace. 17 Fathoms, B.A., Farms—super. Flounder better, with lots of chum a must. At br., also blacks and kings mixed in. Blacks good at bridges, rocks and wrecks. Local wrecks holding big blacks, some sea bass and porgies. Blacks to 7½ lbs. with 6-7 lbers. common. A few fluke still off Playland. Super blacks on Pilot II, 30-50 for a good angler. Geo. Upton of Queens bags a 12.13 lb. black. Bass and blues on umbrellas at the can. Giant blues on spoons off Long Beach in 30' water. Big bass on chunks off jetties. Big weaks at 3rd Wantagh bridge on bunker or jigs. Some BFT at Bicardi.

Oct. 28: Blues still great. Air and sea temps warm. Fish 15-23 lbs. Not much angler interest. Party boats, as a result, have switched to bottom fishing. Blues even blitzing the bays. Great close in and greater further out. Jones to Cholera, those fishing are loading up on gorillas. 17 Fathoms super hot with 10-20 lbers. Farms too. Flounder good on action on the small side, all over the back spots and Jamaica Bay, mixed to 1 lb. Good blacks, mixed at bridges, and great at New Jersey rocks. Very good blacks and sea bass at inshore wrecks and reefs. 80 blacks for one party boat angler. Few porgies and blues on wrecks too. A 28 lb. bass at Atlantic Beach bridge on bunker. A 5.5 lb. sea bass at buoy 4, Deb, for Dom Vercillo; 33½ lb. bass of Manhattan beach on bunker chunk. 12 BFT from 55-125

lbs. and 9 dropped on boat 60 miles off Jones. Some BCC at Wanser's Cut and Ft. Neck Pt.

Nov. 4: All 10-21 lb. blues, bait day and night. Huge numbers. A 17 lber. on 4 lb. test for Ed Rhinfleisch at West Bar. All methods working; 18-20 lbers. live lined in 20' water off Atl. Bch. Cholera and 17 Fathoms super. 13-20 lbers. on Sheepshead party boat. Flounder numbers good, but on small side up to 1 lb. Fish in all the usual places. Blackfish strong at bridges and wrecks to 7¼ lbs. Seabright very good. Wrecks have excellent mixed bags of blacks, sea bass, porgies, blues and ling. A 12 lb. cod is caught, first of fall season. Blues, weaks and bass at Tin Can. Forty percent striper keeper ratio on umbrellas at the Can.

Nov. 11: It's **still** all the blues you want; all giants. Most boats now codding with very decent cod catches on inshore and offshore wrecks, fish into the 40s. Flounder picky to good, with lot of chum needed. Same areas. Picky to good on blacks, but very good on wrecks and deep water reefs. Many incidental cod being taken on the small hooks intended for sea bass and blacks. Seventy percent striper keep ratio on Kim, to 7 lbs. and bonito and blues. Some stripers on live bait at daybreak, Breezy Pt. and Tin Can on umbrellas.

Nov. 18: Giant blues still around. Cod off to good start at local and offshore wrecks. Decent numbers. Pools 32, 36 lbs. and hi 20s. Fish on every drop, indicating a good distribution of cod in the area, 6-36 lbs. Flounder picky to fair. Very good in Jamaica Bay. Excellent blacks on New Jersey rocks.

Nov. 25: Cod is the main game. No fish under 8 lbs. reported. All on wrecks. Some open boat fares 5-15 cod a man. Fish average 5-10 lbers. Scattered sea bass and blacks on wrecks, too. Boats getting 50-260 cod a trip. Many cod are 25-40 lbers. Excellent catches. Fair flounder Reynolds buoy 14-17 and Middle Bay. Livery boats average 20 a boat. Blacks fair to good.

Dec. 2: Cod fair-very good on the wrecks. Dogs on open bottom. Fishing down some due to winds and rough sea conditions, but fares pick away. Cod on every drop, average 10-15 lbrs. Pools going 20-25 lbs. Some sea bass; 40-50 cod a trip for the party boats. A 42 lber. breathes its last. A good number of cod around. Very good blackfishng, 3-8 lbs. at 17 Fathoms and Seabright. Flounder good in back and Jamaica Bay.

Dec. 9: A week of high winds. Fair-good codding on wrecks the days the boats could sail. Dogs start to move out. Cod still average 10-15 lbs. and found on every drop. 180 cod on one party boat from Freeport one day this week. Many 20 and 30 lbers. Different days, different numbers. A 43.8 lb. cod is taken. A few big blacks and pollock 2-35 lbs. are caught. Flounder continue to be caught and blacks still very good on the Jersey side.

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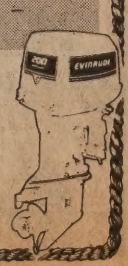

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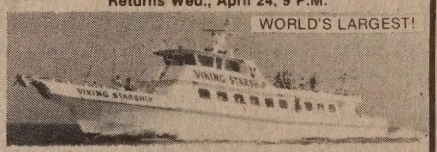

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South Shore REPORT
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Once again, not much in the way of fishing activity along the local waterfront with ice still the major factor in most areas.

From **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, Joe Modica reported that on Friday, Bernie Lorenz went looking for white perch in Tuthill's Creek just below the railroad trestle. While he failed to find the perch in a cooperative mood, he did take a handsome 2½ sea run brown trout on a small homemade white jig. Joe added that perch fishing has been generally slow in the area.

John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale spoke of an occasional sea run trout along with some white perch action in the Connetquot whenever ice isn't a problem. Also, a reminder that Connetquot State Park opens to fly rod anglers on Friday, February 1st. Rod noted that they are located just a couple minutes away from the park and can provide up-to-date info on fishing conditions on the river. They also have a good selection of flies and fly tackle.

The Captree open boats were able

Dave Young used green needlefish plugs to take these stripers of 37½ and 18 lbs. from the Montauk surf. Both were checked in at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

Danny Avasso, nine, seems mighty pleased with his first big blackfish. It was taken at the Sore Thumb aboard the Marion II on a fiddler crab.

to join the cod run once again after being landlocked by ice much of last week. Captain George Tweedy of the Captree Open boat **Captain Scotty 3** said that while Friday and Saturday's fishing produced approximately 40 cod each day, Sunday's trip saw 28 fares put over 100 cod on the boat. A trio of regulars showed that experience counts as they accounted for a high percentage of the overall catch. Frank Bodensky led the way with 18 cod, while Phil Bloom and Vinnie Lange each decked an even dozen fish. Most fish ran between 6 and 12 lbs., with the pool fish going 35 lbs. Mixed in with the cod were a few bulldog blackfish in the 8 to 9 lb. range. The skipper said that fishing is still centered on the offshore wrecks and added that a few fish were even taken on jigs.

Still too much ice on the creeks to warrant much in the way of perch fishing according to Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon. He did confirm that Captree boats were able to sail on the weekend and did at least a fair job on the cod.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in Farmingdale reported that Lou Rosado of the store sailed aboard the Starstream on Friday and racked up 11 cod to 25 lbs. Lou's friends Nick, Mike and Paul accounted for another 15 cod between them, while mate Pete Kessinger decked 15 of the fish. According to Lou, of the two wrecks fished one produced fish in the 15 to 20 lb. class, while the other saw fish range from 5 to 20 pounds. Pool winner was a 47 lb. cod. Lou thought that the fishing was done in about 90 feet of water and noted the presence of plenty of herring on one of the wrecks.

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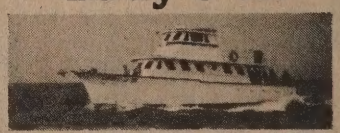
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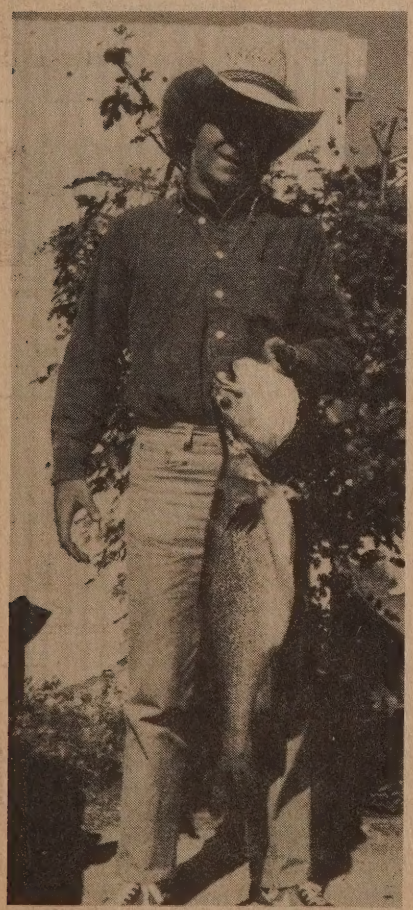
The cod boats out of Freeport this week had some decent numbers of



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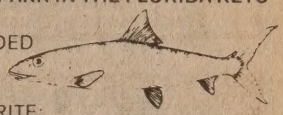

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Word from Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** is that Friday saw some very good catches with a 47 lber. taking the pool. The nine fares aboard really did a job. Paul Saren of Flushing had 5 cod including the pool winner. Bill Beckmann of Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook and his son totalled 22 cod up to 25 lbs., while Lou Rosado of Edelman's hoisted 11 cod to 20 lbs. Also digging in was Dr. Mike Fayer with 6 cod to 27 pounds and Pete K. socking it to 15 cod, the largest of which hit 39 lbs. Saturday's trip was classified as good with catches of 4 to 5 a man for those who could stay at the rail on this very rough day. Sunday's catches were classified as just fair. All the aforementioned was on wrecks and have fish have been averaging 15 to 20 pounds.

Captain Jim Lanzarota of the **Super Spray II** called Saturday's action okay, but it was a short day due to the blasting winds and very rough seas. Sunday's catches were a lot better with most fares bagging 3 to 5 cod from 5 to 15 lbs., all on wrecks. Jimmy advised that Woodcleft Canal is ice free. Twice a day the Town of Hempstead tug breaks whatever ice has formed, aside from the traffic normally plying the canal.

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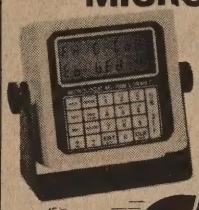

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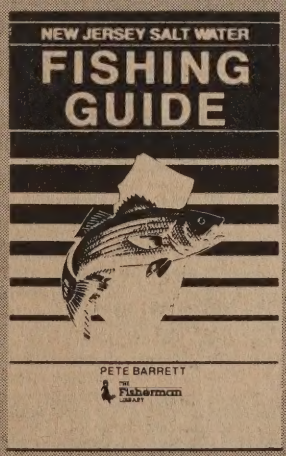

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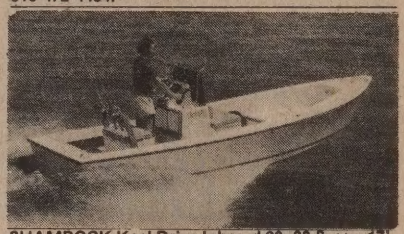

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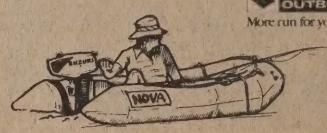

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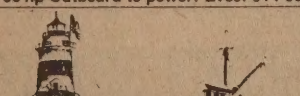

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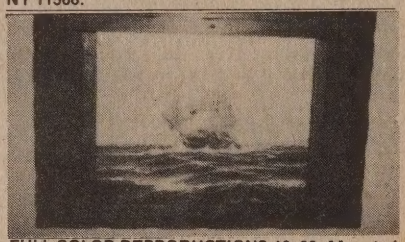

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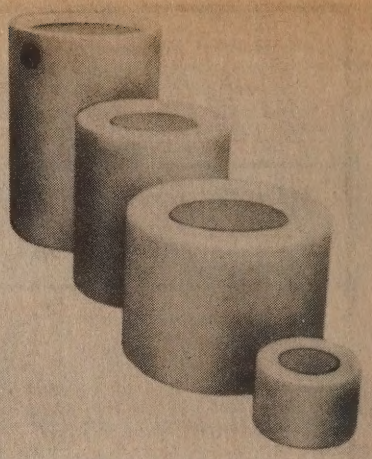

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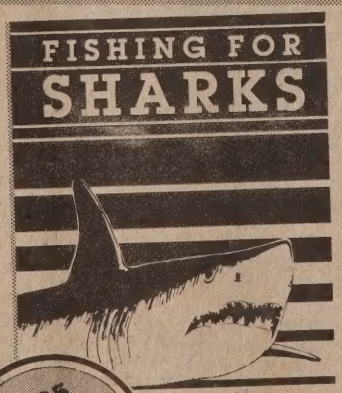

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	3:00	3:25	4:00	4:20	3:45	4:10	4:55	5:30	6:20	6:25	6:35	7:10	3:15	3:40	1/31
FRI.	4:00	4:40	5:00	5:20	4:45	5:20	5:45	6:20	7:20	7:30	7:30	8:05	4:10	4:35	2/1
SAT.	5:00	5:35	5:50	6:10	5:40	6:15	6:35	7:10	8:15	9:10	8:25	8:55	5:05	5:25	2/2
SUN.	5:50	6:25	6:40	7:00	6:30	7:00	7:20	7:55	9:05	9:55	9:10	9:45	5:50	6:15	2/3
MON.	6:40	7:10	7:30	7:50	7:15	7:45	8:00	8:35	9:50	10:35	10:00	10:30	6:35	7:00	2/4
TUES.	7:25	7:55	8:15	8:35	8:00	8:30	8:45	9:25	10:40	11:15	10:45	11:15	7:25	7:45	2/5
WED.	8:10	8:40	9:00	9:20	8:45	9:15	9:35	10:10	11:25	—	11:30	—	8:10	8:30	2/6
THURS.	8:55	9:25	9:45	10:10	9:35	10:05	10:25	10:55	12:00	12:15	12:00	12:20	8:55	9:20	2/7

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	1/31	7:14	5:13
FRI.	2/1	7:13	5:14
SAT.	2/2	7:12	5:16
SUN.	2/3	7:11	5:17
MON.	2/4	7:10	5:19
TUE.	2/5	7:09	5:20
WED.	2/6	7:08	5:21

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	1/31	12:20PM	2:49AM
FRI.	2/1	1:02PM	3:54AM
SAT.	2/2	1:54PM	4:56AM
SUN.	2/3	2:57PM	5:53AM
MON.	2/4	4:07PM	6:43AM
TUE.	2/5	5:23PM	7:26AM
WED.	2/6	6:40PM	8:01AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
1/21	1/29	2/5	2/12

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	12:20	6:25	12:35	6:45
Fri.	1:00	7:10	1:20	7:35
Sat.	1:50	8:00	2:10	8:30
Sun.	2:45	8:55	3:05	9:25
Mon.	3:40	9:50	4:00	10:20
Tues.	4:35	10:45	4:55	11:10
Wed.	5:25	11:45	5:55	—
Thurs.	6:20	12:10	6:55	12:40

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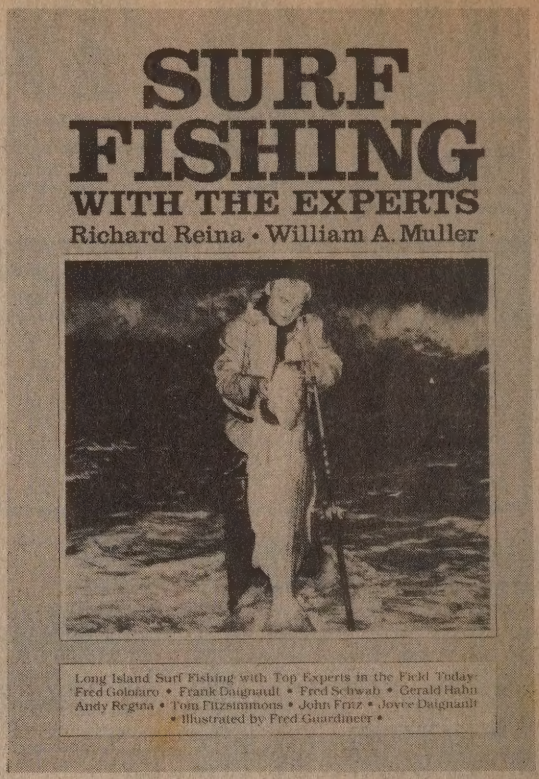
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